

Confronting the HIV/AIDS pandemic with a Functional Cure: SELY, a System to End Lentivirus-mediated immunodeficiency

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Introduction

When reverse transcriptase was discovered in 1970 within the Rous Sarcoma Virus (RSV), it astonished the scientific community by revealing how a single-strand RNA sequence could transform into double-strand DNA through a biological process called reverse transcription [1,2]. Thirteen years later, further research on human oncogenic retroviruses led to the identification of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), comprising two species of *Lentivirus*, namely HIV-1 and HIV-2, which infect humans and lead to Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) [3,4]. AIDS manifests as the depletion of the CD4⁺ T cell population and the onset of various diseases associated with a progressively failing and chronically activated immune system, such as opportunistic infections and cancer.

According to UNAIDS estimates, approximately 39 million people were living with HIV in 2022, with 1.3 million newly infected individuals and 630,000 AIDS-related deaths recorded [5]. Presently, HIV remains incurable, but it can be effectively managed with highly potent single-tablet [6] or injectable [7,8] antiretroviral regimens. However, despite reducing the plasma virus to undetectable levels and halting disease progression, combination antiretroviral therapy (ART) fails to provide a cure due to the establishment of long-lived and persistent HIV reservoirs, resulting in viral rebound upon cessation of ART treatment within weeks. The HIV genome undergoes rapid mutation during treatment, leading to the emergence of drug-resistant strains. Additionally, escape mutants may arise, evading neutralization even in vaccinated individuals or HIV-infected patients who develop broad neutralizing antibodies (bNAbs).

The field of HIV vaccine research and development still faces numerous clinical failures [9], and an effective prophylactic HIV vaccine has yet to receive regulatory approval. However, thanks to years of scientific progress and the introduction of new biotechnological tools, promising new HIV vaccine candidates [10–13] and other therapeutic approaches are actively being pursued to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic. These include CAR-T cell therapy [14–16], peptides and proteins inhibitors [17–20], immunotherapy [21,22], gene therapy [15,23–26], and CRISPR-Cas-mediated viral DNA excision [15,27,28].

Instances of HIV treatments leading to a cure are rare. In all cases, curative therapy involves a conditioning regimen followed by transplantation with CCR5-Δ32 hematopoietic stem cells [16,29–32]. However, this treatment carries significant risks for the patient, is expensive, not widely scalable, and does not protect against CXCR4-tropic viruses [33]. To address the longstanding HIV/AIDS epidemic, I have developed SELY (System to End Lentivirus-mediated immunodeficiency). SELY not only tackles major issues with current HIV treatment approaches but also acts as a novel therapeutic tool, working alongside the immune system to neutralize the virus and functionally cure HIV-infected patients.

Principle of working

The SELY therapeutic system is a conditionally replicative, conditionally active HIV-1 or HIV-2-derived lentiviral vector comprising a therapeutic RNA with a payload comprising sequences encoding one or multiple anti-HIV peptides or polypeptides. Each sequence is separated by a self-cleaving 2A peptide site. The payload cannot be translated due to native translation start sequences and a translational blocker positioned before its own translation start sequence (see Table S1 and FIGURE 1 and FIGURE 2 (A) and (B)). Upon transduction, the therapeutic RNA is reverse-transcribed, the translational blocker is deleted with a probability P_{act} (probability of activation). The newly synthesized therapeutic DNA is subsequently integrated into the cell's nucleus.

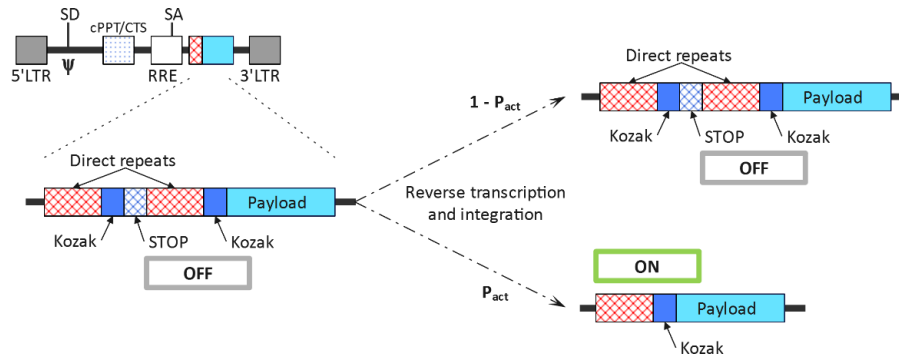


FIGURE 1: The key elements of an exemplary SELY therapeutic system include the translational blocker, which consists of direct repeats, Kozak sequences, and STOP signals. Reading is from 5' to 3'. The first Kozak sequence acts as the point where translation begins. When reverse transcription occurs, one of the direct repeats, the first Kozak, and the STOP signal are removed. This action leaves the remaining Kozak sequence as the new starting point for translation, activating the therapeutic payload (ON). If no deletions happen, the payload remains inactive (OFF). ψ : Packaging sequence; 5'LTR: 5 prime long terminal repeat; SD: Splice donor 1; cPPT/CTS: central polypurine tract/termination sequences; RRE: Rev-Response Element; SA: Splice acceptor 7; Kozak: Kozak consensus sequence; STOP: sequence comprising one or multiple stop codons (TAG, TGA, TAA); Payload: Sequence of the therapeutic payload; OFF: the payload is not translatable; ON: the payload is translatable; P_{act} : Probability of activation.

In cells where the translational blocker remains intact, the therapeutic DNA integrated into the cell is transcribed into therapeutic RNAs, but their therapeutic payload is unable to be translated. Subsequent infection by HIV leads to the mobilization of these therapeutic RNAs into infectious virions capable of transmitting to new hosts, sharing the same tropism as the infecting HIV strain (see FIGURE 2 (C)). This therapeutic system can also function as a Defective Interfering Particle (DIP), competing with HIV for available target cells and cellular resources [34,35].

However, in cells where the translational blocker is deleted, the therapeutic payload becomes active and is expressed. This renders the transduced cell resistant to HIV infections (FIGURE 2 (D)). The translational blocker comprises two identical sequences known as direct repeats, separated by an intervening sequence containing a translation start sequence and one or multiple in-frame stop codons (FIGURE 1). The translation start sequences are either Kozak consensus sequences or the 5' regions of HIV-1 open reading frames, serving as sites for translation initiation.

During reverse transcription, one of the direct repeat sequences and the intervening sequence are deleted with a probability referred to as P_{act} . This probability depends on the length of the direct repeats. For instance, direct repeats of 117, 284, and 971 nucleotides were deleted with probabilities of 0.068, 0.199, and 0.87, respectively [36–38]. Lowering the probability of activation (P_{act}) increases the proportion and number of transduced cells capable of serving as a therapeutic reservoir.

Even if a cell contains a translationally active therapeutic payload, the transcribed therapeutic RNAs can still be mobilized if the cell becomes infected by HIV particles. This can occur due to inadequate expression of the therapeutic payload, a high viral load, or resistance developed by the infecting HIV strain.

A therapeutic reservoir refers to a cell containing one or multiple integrated SELY therapeutic DNAs with an intact translational blocker. Upon infection by HIV-1 or -2, the transcribed therapeutic RNAs compete with HIV genomic RNA for packaging into newly assembled virions. These virions then transduce new hosts, converting them into therapeutic reservoirs or HIV-resistant cells. Because HIV infection is necessary for SELY mobilization, a therapeutic reservoir may enter latency or become dormant, functioning as a sentinel cell that monitors and responds to any resurgence of HIV by producing SELY vectors.

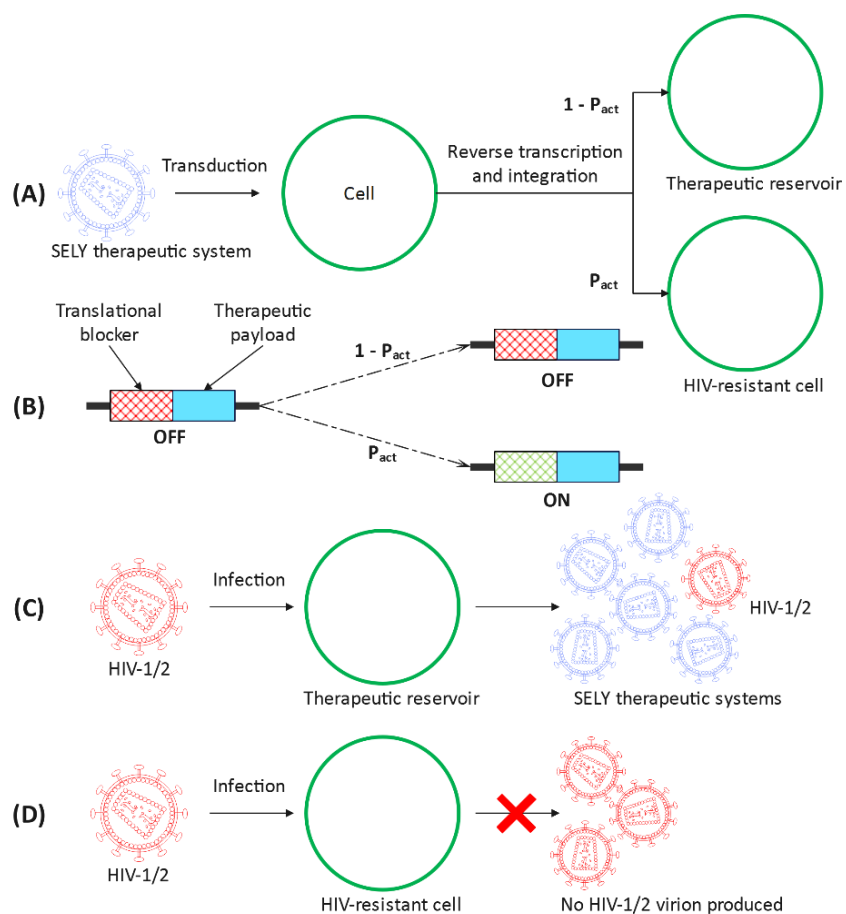


FIGURE 2: Working principle of SELY therapeutic system. (A) A cell that is transduced with the SELY therapeutic system can either become a therapeutic reservoir or resistant to HIV. (B) The translation of the therapeutic payload is initially blocked by the translational blocker. However, during the process of reverse transcription, there is a chance that the translational blocker may be deleted with a certain probability (P_{act}), allowing for the translation of the payload to occur. (C) When the therapeutic reservoir cell is infected by HIV, the SELY therapeutic system is mobilized into HIV virions. (D) An HIV-resistant cell is non-permissive for HIV replication.

Lentivectors can be pseudotyped with glycoproteins (GPs) from various enveloped viruses to adjust their ability to target specific cell types [39]. Two commonly used glycoproteins are VSV-G, known for its broad tropism and stability, and modified RD114, which facilitates efficient transduction of hematopoietic stem cells [40]. A SELY therapeutic system pseudotyped with a glycoprotein X forms what is called X-pseudotyped SELY vector, X SELY therapeutic system, or X-SELY vector.

The range of cells that can be transduced with SELY is extensive, including CD4⁺-CCR5⁺/CXCR4⁺ cells and CD34⁺ stem cells. Transducing CD34⁺ cells is especially appealing because once re-engrafted into a patient's bone marrow, they become self-renewable progenitor cells capable of evolving into therapeutic reservoirs and HIV-resistant immune cells (FIGURE 3). Cells, CD34⁺ hematopoietic progenitors, and lymphocyte T containing one or more genomically integrated or episomally maintained SELY therapeutic systems are referred to as SELY cells, SELY CD34⁺ cells, and SELY T cells, respectively.

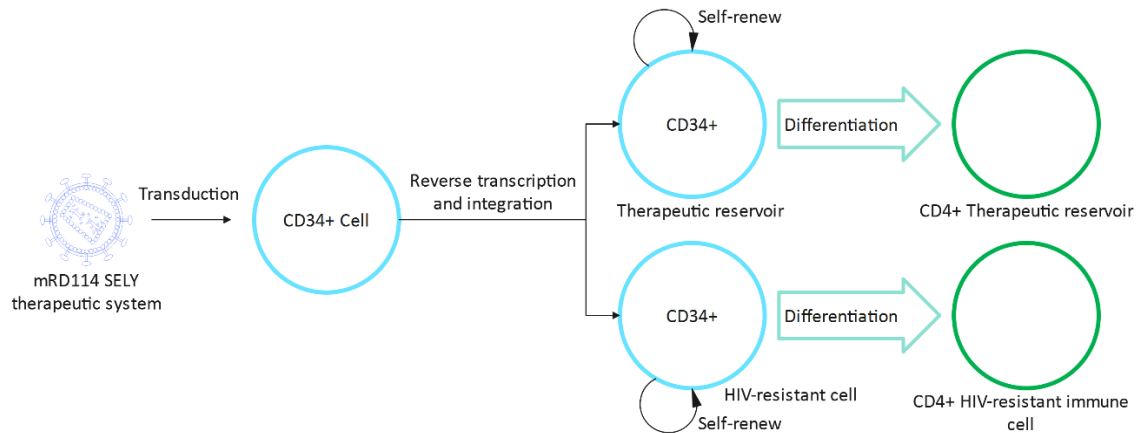


FIGURE 3: Modified RD114 (mRD114)-pseudotyped SELY therapeutic system (or mRD114-SELY vectors) can transduce CD34+ stem cells. For illustration purpose, the CD34+ cells can self-renew and differentiate into CD4+ lymphocyte cells that can be either therapeutic reservoir or HIV-resistant.

CD4+CCR5+/CXCR4+ T cells are highly vulnerable to HIV infection. When stimulated by antigen-presenting cells, they undergo vigorous clonal expansion, resulting in the generation of numerous identical cells that are highly susceptible to both HIV [41] and SELY replication. Acting as a defective interfering particle, SELY can effectively compete with HIV, spreading more rapidly. This results in a large portion of CD4+ cell clones harboring integrated SELY therapeutic DNA. During the contraction phase, most of the remaining CD4+ cell clones are eliminated. The surviving clones that transition into memory cells can either become a therapeutic reservoir or develop resistance to HIV (FIGURE 4).

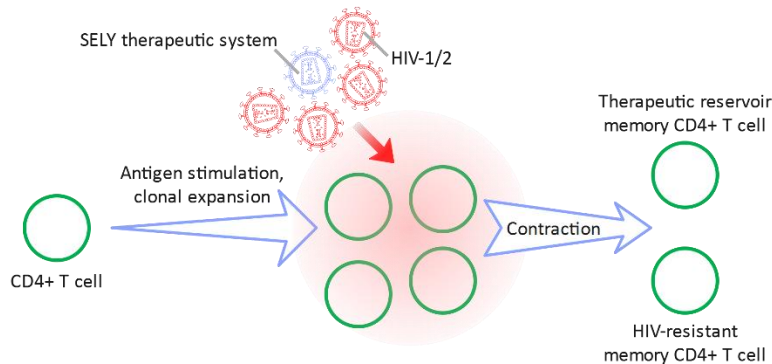


FIGURE 4: SELY therapeutic system can act as a Defective Interfering Particle (DIP) that competes against HIV during their replication in highly permissive clonally expanded CD4+ T cells. During the contraction phase, most of the CD4+ cell clones are eliminated and the remaining memory CD4+ T cells become either therapeutic reservoir or acquire resistance to HIV.

SELY vectors can be made integrase-defective, meaning the reverse-transcribed SELY therapeutic DNA exists as an episome inside the nucleus of the transduced cell. If the transduced cell is subsequently infected by HIV, the episome becomes actively transcribed. The newly produced SELY vectors have an intact integrase and share the same cellular tropism as the infecting HIV strain (FIGURE 5). Integrase-defective SELY vectors, when injected intravenously, are considered safer than their integrase-intact counterparts, particularly if they have a broad spectrum of cellular tropism. However, they do not persist for extended periods in cells undergoing mitosis.

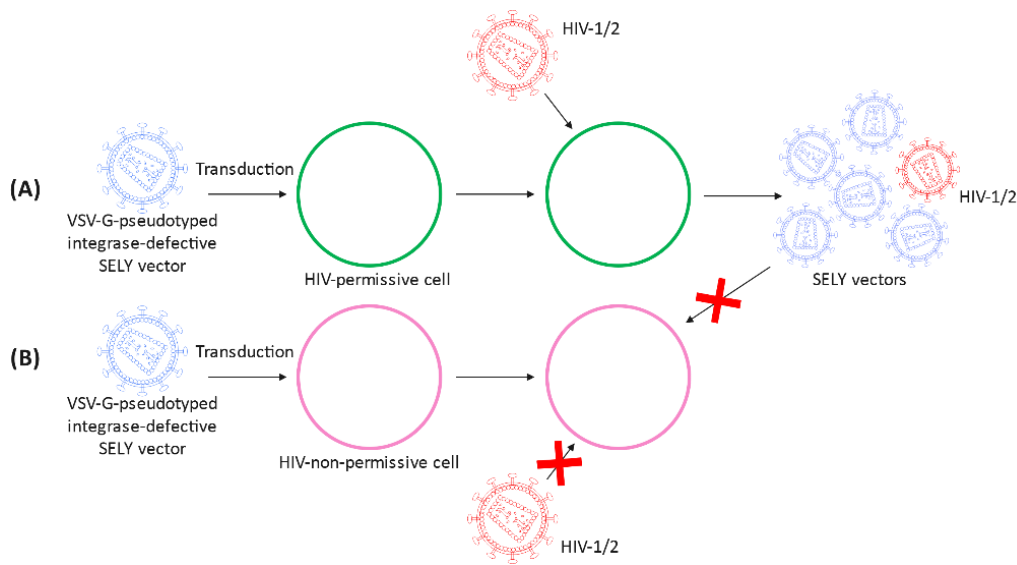


FIGURE 5: Illustration of VSV-G-pseudotyped integrase-defective SELY vectors transducing HIV-permissive and non-permissive cells. (A) When the transduced HIV-permissive cell is infected by HIV, the produced SELY vectors have an intact integrase and possess the same tropism as the infecting HIV strain. (B) The HIV-non-permissive cell (transduced or not) is refractory to infection by HIV as well as the newly produced SELY vectors.

Design

SELY therapeutic system

SELY therapeutic system is a lentivector (FIGURE 6) comprising, from 5' to 3':

- Promoter 1, a promoter that mediates the transcription of the therapeutic RNA;
- R, U5 (5' untranslated region), the packaging sequence, and a full or truncated Gag sequence of HIV-1 or -2;
- Cis-acting HIV sequences;
- The translational blocker and the payload;
- The U3 (3' untranslated region), R, and U5 sequences of HIV-1 or -2.

Promoter 1 is constitutive and includes CMV, PGK, HIV-1 U3, and RSV promoters. Its 3' region is truncated, so to initiate transcription at the 5' end of the 5' R sequence. Splice Donor 1 (SD1) is already present within the packaging sequence. The Gag sequence can either be full length or truncated, containing a translation start sequence and internal in-frame stop codons (FIGURE 6). Cis-acting sequences comprise a 118-nucleotide segment of HIV Pol containing the central polypurine tract/termination sequences, a portion of HIV Env containing the Rev-Response Element (RRE), and additional heterologous sequences that enhance viral titers and expression, such as the Woodchuck Hepatitis Virus (WHV) Posttranscriptional Regulatory Element (WPRE) [42]. Preferably, the 3' U3 region is either full-length or a hybrid sequence containing a heterologous promoter sequence or a segment of the long terminal repeat region from other *Retroviridae* family viruses [43]. Therapeutic lentiviral systems with intact U3 regions have already undergone clinical testing [44,45].

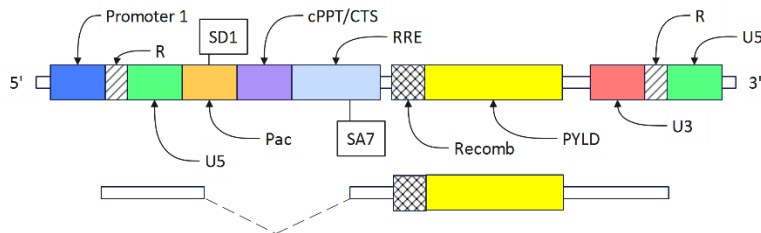


FIGURE 6: Components of an exemplary SELY therapeutic system. An SD1-SA7-spliced RNA sequence is shown below. Pac: sequence comprising the Packaging sequence; SD1: Splice Donor 1; cPPT/CTS: central polypurine tract/termination sequences; RRE: sequence comprising a Rev-Response Element; SA7: Splice Acceptor 7; Recomb: translational blocker or recombination site; PYLD: therapeutic payload sequence.

An exemplary translational blocker (FIGURE 7) is a sequence comprising, from 5' to 3':

- SeqA, a first direct repeat sequence;
- Kozak1, a translational start sequence or a Kozak consensus sequence;
- STP, a sequence comprising one or multiple stop codon (TGA, TAA, TAG) in-frame with the ATG sequence of kozak1;
- seqB, a second direct repeat sequence;
- Kozak2, a translational start sequence or a Kozak consensus sequence.

The percent identity between SeqA and SeqB ranges from 100% to less, and they have the same length. Following reverse-transcription, there's a chance that one of the direct repeats, kozak1, and STP are deleted, with a probability termed P_{act} . This probability can be adjusted by altering the lengths of SeqA-Kozak1, SeqB-Kozak2, or STP, and by changing the percent identity of SeqA-Kozak1 and SeqB-Kozak2..

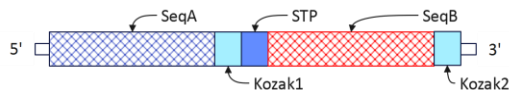


FIGURE 7: An exemplary translational blocker sequence.

After reverse-transcription and integration, the 3' U3 sequence is duplicated at the 5' end of the integrated therapeutic DNA, facilitating the transcription of therapeutic RNAs. These RNAs can undergo splicing at the SD1-SA7 site, removing the translation start site of the Gag sequence (FIGURE 6). If Kozak1 is deleted, Kozak2 becomes the new site for translation initiation.

The translational blocker may consist of one or multiple Kozak1 sequences, with the most 3' one followed by one or more stop codons. An incomplete translational blocker, lacking one of its direct repeats, is referred to as an OFF-translational blocker, a deleted translational blocker, or a translational blocker in the OFF state. Conversely, an intact translational blocker is called an ON-translational blocker, or an active translational blocker.

The payload comprises sequences encoding one or more therapeutic polypeptides, each potentially separated by a flexible linker or a 2A self-cleavable peptide (2A peptide or 2APEP) [46–48]. These payloads aren't limited to anti-HIV peptides or proteins; they can also include agonists that enhance HIV replication. Examples of agonists include HIV Tat proteins and targeted protein degradation (TPD) systems targeting APOBEC3G. Anti-APOBEC3G peptides and proteins help minimize SELY inactivation by hypermutation, while Tat polypeptides serve as potent latency-reversing agents [49,50] and strong transactivators, significantly increasing the production of therapeutic RNAs.

The segment of the payload that we want to express constitutively can be duplicated and inserted at the 3' end of the first Kozak (FIGURE 8), followed by one or more in-frame stop codons. This segment always precedes any part of the payload we wish to express conditionally (FIGURE 8 (B)). Examples of sequences suitable for constitutive expression include those encoding Tat (FIGURE 9), drug-resistance, or surface marker (RQR8, tEGFR, tNGFR, CD20) polypeptides.

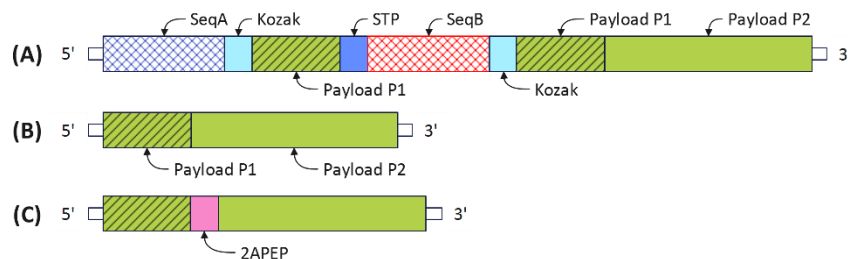


FIGURE 8: A segment of the payload can be constitutively expressed. (A) The segment (Payload P1 or 'Payload portion 1') we want to express constitutively is inserted 3' of the first Kozak. SeqA, Kozak, and Payload P1 make up the first direct repeat, while SeqB, Kozak, and Payload P1 form the second. Introducing silent mutations into Payload P1 of the second repeat can lower the value of P_{act} . (B) The payload's structure: Payload P1 is always 5' of Payload P2, the part we wish to express conditionally. (C) Payload P1 and P2 can be separated by a 2A self-cleaving peptide sequence.

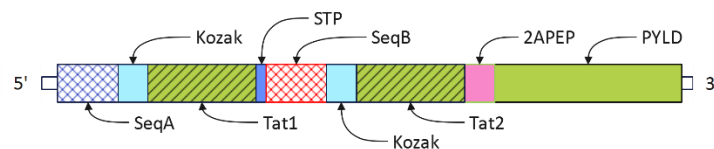


FIGURE 9: Tat polypeptide (encoded by Tat1) is constitutively expressed. A 2A self-cleaving peptide sequence (2AEP) separates Tat from the payload (PYLD). Tat1 and Tat2 encode the same Tat polypeptide, are of the same length, and can have 100% or less sequence identity.

The SELY therapeutic system may include a second payload (PYLD2) controlled by an Internal Ribosome Entry Site (IRES) sequence [51,52] (FIGURE 10). PYLD2 translation is unaffected by the presence of translation start sites, translational blockers, or upstream introns. PYLD2 can encode various polypeptides, including surface markers, drug-resistance proteins, safety switches (iCASP9 [53], DESNases [54], RQR8 [55], Thymidine kinase [56]), fluorescent polypeptides, HIV latency reversing agents, viral accessory proteins (interferon antagonists, cell-cycle arresters, anti-apoptotic agents, etc.), prodrug-activating enzymes, or combinations thereof.

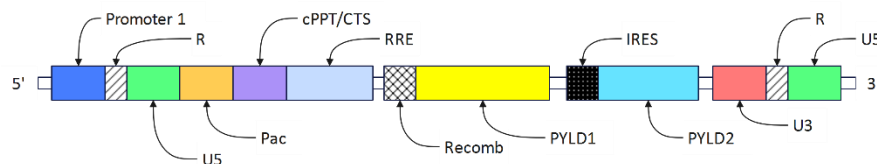


FIGURE 10: An exemplary SELY therapeutic system with a second payload (PYLD2) whose translation is independent of the first payload (PYLD1).

The SELY therapeutic system may also feature an internal promoter that independently transcribes the payload sequence, regardless of Tat presence (FIGURE 11). The sequence containing the Rev-Response Element (RRE) can be inserted downstream of the payload (PYLD), generating transcripts that act as decoys for HIV Rev proteins [57].

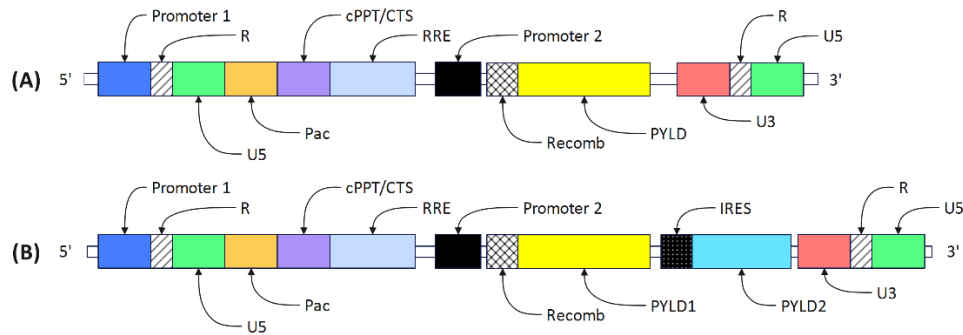


FIGURE 11: An exemplary SELY therapeutic system comprising an internal promoter (Promoter 2). (A) The internal promoter drives the transcription of Recomb and PYLD regardless of Tat presence. (B) The system further comprise a second Payload (PYLD2) under the translational control of an internal Ribosome Entry Site (IRES).

The Tat polypeptide plays a crucial role in viral replication as it significantly boosts the production of viral transcripts driven by the U3 promoter. It can be expressed independently from the payload (PYLD) by utilizing HIV's differential splicing ability (FIGURE 12). An HIV-native Tat sequence, including the upstream 'splice acceptor 3' (SA3) sequence, can be inserted downstream of the 118-nucleotide cPPT/CTS sequence from the HIV Pol sequence, which contains a branch point and a polypyrimidine tract essential for full intron definition.

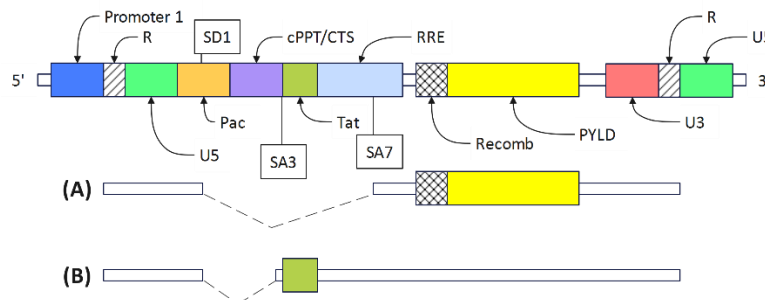


FIGURE 12: An exemplary SELY therapeutic system capable of constitutively expressing Tat. (A) Splicing at SD1-SA7 removes the translation start site of Gag and Tat, allowing the payload to be translated if the translational blocker is deleted. (B) Splicing at SD1-SA3 remove the translation start site of Gag, enabling Tat translation. SA3: Splice Acceptor 3; Tat: sequence encoding HIV Tat.

A second payload (PYLD2) can be co-expressed with Tat by inserting it downstream of the Tat sequence. Both sequences can be separated by a cis-separator (Cis sep), which can be a 2A self-cleaving peptide sequence or an Internal Ribosome Entry Site (IRES).

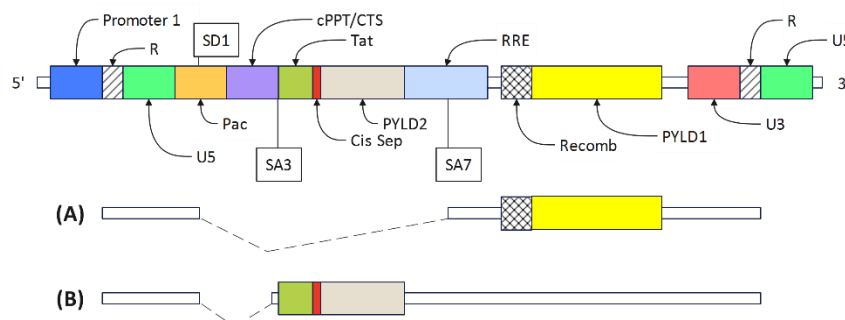


FIGURE 13: A second Payload (PYLD2) can be inserted 3' of Tat sequence. The two sequences can be separated by a Cis-separator (Cis sep), which can be a 2A self-cleaving peptide sequence or an Internal Ribosome Entry Site (IRES). (A) Splicing at SD1-SA7

removes the translation start site of Gag and Tat, allowing PYLD1 translation if the translational blocker is deleted. (B) Splicing at SD1-SA3 removes the translation start site of Gag, enabling the joint-expression of Tat and the second payload. SA3: Splice Acceptor 3; Tat: sequence encoding HIV Tat; PYLD2: Payload 2; Cis sep: Cis-separator.

The SELY therapeutic system may also include one or more artificial micro-RNA (miRNA) cassettes. These can be inserted into intronic regions, such as between the Gag sequence and cPPT/CTS, between cPPT/CTS and RRE, or downstream of the payload sequence and upstream of 3'-U3 (FIGURE 14). To mitigate the risk of deletion due to repeated sequences, miRNA cassettes with different backbone sequences can be combined to form a polycistronic miRNA cassette [58].

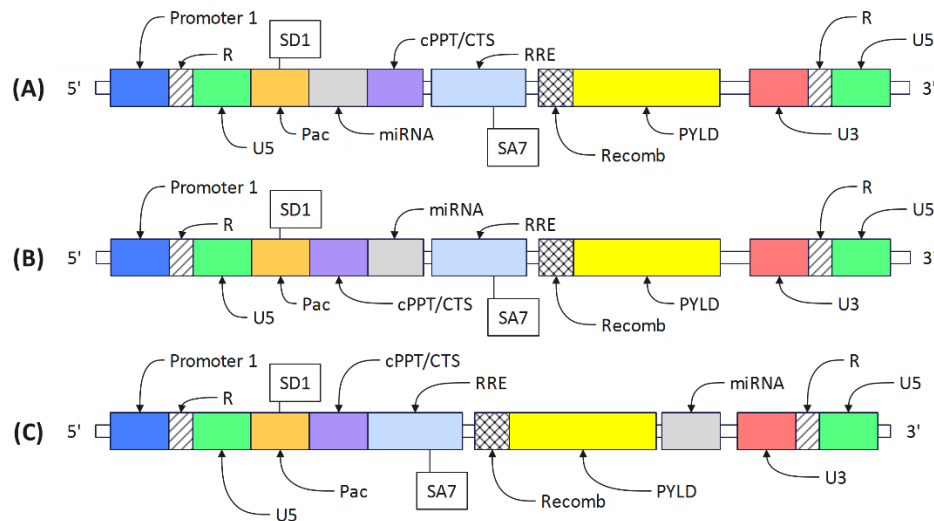


FIGURE 14: Exemplary SELY therapeutic system comprising one or multiple artificial micro-RNA (miRNA) cassettes. The miRNA cassette can be inserted between Gag and cPPT/CTS (A), cPPT/CTS and RRE (B), or downstream of the payload (C).

The SELY therapeutic system can be delivered and integrated into the cell's genome using a transposon (FIGURE 15). Examples of transposons include those derived from PiggyBac [59], Sleeping Beauty [60], Frog Prince [61], Tol2 [62,63], and PiggyBat [64]. SELY therapeutic sequence (an example is illustrated in FIGURE 16) is inserted between the transposon's 5' and 3' flanking ends, allowing for its mobilization and genomic integration in the presence of an appropriate transposase polypeptides. Examples of suitable transposon plasmids are: transposon Petit Plasmids [65,66], PiggyBac Nanoplasmid [67], and Tol2 transposon [63].

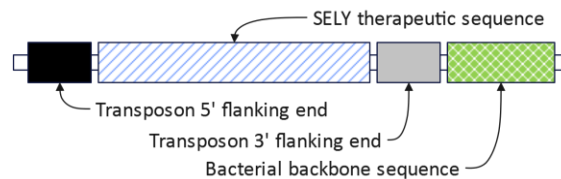


FIGURE 15: A transposon comprising a SELY therapeutic sequence. Transposon 5' and 3' flanking ends are sufficient and necessary for the transposase-mediated mobilization and genomic integration of SELY into the host's DNA. The 5' and 3' ends of this transposon sequence can be covalently linked to form a circular plasmid. The bacterial backbone sequence is required for maintenance and replication of the plasmid in an appropriate bacterial host.

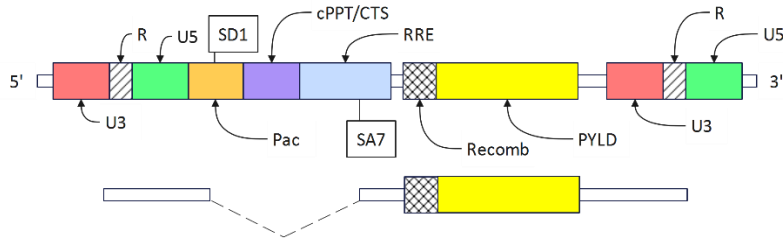


FIGURE 16: An exemplary SELV therapeutic sequence. Promoter1 is replaced with the HIV-1 U3 sequence. A polyadenylation sequence such as SV40 or BGH polyA is optional and can be inserted at the 3' end (after the 3' U5 region) of this sequence.

Translational blocker

One purpose of a translational blocker is to prevent translation initiation at a downstream (or 3') translation initiation site or Kozak consensus sequence. It can be built by selecting a sequence of desired length to serve as the first direct repeat. Following this, a translation start site or a Kozak consensus sequence is added at its 3' end, followed by one or more codons, then one or more in-frame stop codons (TGA, TAA, TAG), and finally a second direct repeat of the same length as the first direct repeat with a percent identity of 100% or less. Non-limiting examples of sequences suitable for direct repeats can be found between the translation start site (TSS) and including the start codon (ATG) of a gene or a truncation thereof.

Another purpose of a translational blocker is to halt translation at one of consecutive in-frame stop codons, ensuring the downstream coding sequence remains untranslated. This type of blocker can be constructed by selecting a sequence of desired length as the first direct repeat, followed by one or more in-frame stop codons (TGA, TAA, TAG), and then a second direct repeat of the same length and percent identity of 100% or less. Ideally, a translation initiation site or Kozak consensus sequence is positioned 5' of the first direct repeat. In the example below, the polypeptide sequence of a 72-aa HIV Tat and its corresponding *Homo sapiens* codon-optimized nucleotide sequence are shown. A 110-nt sequence is highlighted in green. The translational blocker comprises The Kozak consensus sequence (highlighted in cyan), the Tat coding sequence (in bold and red), and the two 110-nt direct repeats (highlighted in green). Here, translation is initiated at the ATG codon of the Kozak consensus sequence and is terminated at any one the four in-frame stop codons.

Tat72 polypeptide:

MEPVDPRLPEWKHPGSPKTACTIONCYCKKCFHCQVCFITKALGISYGRKKRRRRAHQNSQTHQASLSKQ

Tat72 nucleotide sequence:

ATGGAGCCCGTGGACCCTAGGCTGGAGCCCTGGAAACATCCCGGATCTCAACCCAAGACCGCCTGCACCAACTGCTACTGCAA
GAAGTGCTGCTTCCACTGCCAGG**TGTGCTTCATCACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGAAGAAACGAAGGCAGAGG**
AGGAGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCCACCAAGCTAGCCTTAGCAAGCAG

Translational blocker sequence (recomb110_kozak_tat72):

GCCGCCAACCATG**AGCCCGTGGACCCTAGGCTGGAGCCCTGGAAACATCCCGGATCTCAACCCAAGACCGCCTGCACCAAC**
TGCTACTGCAAGAAGTGCTGCTTCCACTGCCAGG**TGTGCTTCATCACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGAAGAAAC**
GAAGGCAGAGGAGGAGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCCACCAAGCTAGCCTTAGCAAGCAG**TGATAATAGTGA****TGTGCTT**
CATCACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGAAGAAACGAAGGCAGAGGAGGAGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCC
ACCAAGCTAGCCTTAGCAAGCAG

Translational blocker sequence (recomb110_kozak_tat72_gsg-p2a) with a self-cleaving 2A peptide sequence (highlighted in yellow) at its 3' end:

GCCGCCAACCATGGAGCCCGTGGACCCTAGGCTGGAGCCCTGGAACATCCCGGATCTCAACCAAGACCGCTGCACCAAC
 TGCTACTGCAAGAAGTGTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGTGTGCTTCATACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGAAGAAAC
 GAAGGCAGAGGAGGAGGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCCACCAAGCTAGCCTTAGCAAGCAGTGATAATAGTGAATGTGCTT
 CATCACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGAAGAAACGAAGGCAGAGGAGGAGGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCC
 ACCAAGCTAGCCTTAGCAAGCAGGGCAGCGGCGCCACCAACTTCAGCCTGCTGAAGCAGGCCGGAGATGTTGAGGAGAACCC
 TGGACCT

The length of the Tat72 nucleotide sequence including the Kozak consensus sequence is 226-nt. To construct a translational blocker with a longer 276-nt direct repeat sequences, a 50-nt sequence is inserted at the 5' end of the Kozak consensus sequence ($226 + 50 = 276$). This entire sequence of length 276 is the first direct repeat.

First direct repeat:

ACATTTGCTTCTGACACAACCTGTGTTCACTAGCAACCTCAAACAGACACC GCCGCCAACCATGGAGCCCGTGGACCCTAGGCTG
 GAGCCCTGGAACATCCCGGATCTCAACCAAGACCGCTGCACCAACTGCTACTGCAAGAAGTGTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGT
 GTGCTTCATCACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGAAGAAACGAAGGCAGAGGAGGAGGGGCCACCAGAACAGCC
 AGACCCACCAAGCTAGCCTTAGCAAGCAG

The translational blocker (recomb276_kozak_tat72_gsg-p2a) thus comprises the first direct repeat, the in-frame stop codons (doubly underlined), the second direct repeat (of the same length and percent identity as the first direct repeat), and accessorially a self-cleaving 2A peptide sequence (highlighted in yellow):

ACATTTGCTTCTGACACAACCTGTGTTCACTAGCAACCTCAAACAGACACC GCCGCCAACCATGGAGCCCGTGGACCCTAGGCTG
 GAGCCCTGGAACATCCCGGATCTCAACCAAGACCGCTGCACCAACTGCTACTGCAAGAAGTGTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGT
 GTGCTTCATCACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGAAGAAACGAAGGCAGAGGAGGAGGGGCCACCAGAACAGCC
 AGACCCACCAAGCTAGCCTTAGCAAGCAGTGATAATAGTGAACATTTGCTTCTGACACAACCTGTGTTCACTAGCAACCTCAAAC
 AGACACC GCCGCCAACCATGGAGCCCGTGGACCCTAGGCTGGAGCCCTGGAACATCCCGGATCTCAACCAAGACCGCTG
 CACCAACTGCTACTGCAAGAAGTGTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGTGTGCTTCATCACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGG
 AAGAAACGAAGGCAGAGGAGGAGGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCCACCAAGCTAGCCTTAGCAAGCAGGGCAGCGGCG
 CCACCAACTTCAGCCTGCTGAAGCAGGCCGGAGATGTTGAGGAGAACCCTGGACCT

In the case of recomb110_kozak_tat72_gsg-p2a and recomb276_kozak_tat72_gsg-p2a, the Tat72 sequence downstream of the first Kozak consensus sequence can be readily translated. The expressed Tat72 is a potent latency reversing agent, less toxic than the full-length Tat, and can mediate enhanced therapeutic RNA production [50,68].

The translational blocker can be combined with the RRE sequence. Here, Env_RRE, a portion of HIV-1 Env sequence comprising the RRE (highlighted in green) is shown below. Splice acceptor 7 (SA7) is highlighted in yellow. A sequence of length 112-nt can serve as direct repeat and is highlighted in cyan. A direct repeat longer than 112-nt can be obtained by adding one or more nucleotides after the 3' end of this sequence.

GATCTTCAGACCTGGAGGAGGAGATATGAGGGACAATTGGAGAAGTGAATTATATAAATATAAAGTAGTAAAAATTGAACCAT
 TAGGAGTAGCACCCACCAAGGCAAAGAGAAGAGTGGTGCAGAGAGAGAAAAAGAGCAGTGGGAATAGGAGCTTTGTTCTTG
 GGTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGGAAGCACTATGGGCGCAGCCTCAATGACGCTGACGGTACAGGCCAGACAATTATTGTCTGGTATA
 GTGCAGCAGCAGAACAAATTTGCTGAGGGCTATTGAGGCGCAACAGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGCATCAAGCAGCT
 CCAGGCAAGAATCCTGGCTGTGGAAAGATACCTAAAGGATCAACAGCTCCTGGGGATTGGGGTTGCTCTGGAAAATCATT
 GCACCACTGCTGTGCCTTGAATGCTAGTTGGAGTAATAAATCTCTGGAACAGATTGGAATCACACGACCTGGATGGAGTGGG
 ACAGAGAAATTAACAATTACACAAGCTTAATACACTCCTTAATTGAAGAATCGCAAAACCAGCAAGAAAAGAATGAACAAGAA
 TTATTGGAATTAGATAAATGGGCAAGTTTGTGGAATTGGTTAACATAACAAATTGGCTGTGGTATATAAAATTATTTCATAATG
 ATAGTAGGAGGCTTGGTAGGTTTAAGAATAGTTTTTGTGTACTTTCTATAGTGAATAGAGTTAGGCAGGGATATTCACCATT
 TCGTTTCAGACCCACCTCCCAACCCGAGGGGACCCGACAGGCCCGAAGGAATAGAAGAAGAAGGTGGAGAGAGAGACAGA
 GACAGATCCATTGATTAGTGAACGGATCTCGACGGTATC

Below is an example of a portion of HIV-1 Env sequence comprising the RRE wherein the two direct repeats—each one is 100-nt long—are highlighted in cyan, the Kozak consensus sequence is underlined (the start codon is in bold), splice acceptor 7 (SA7) is highlighted in yellow, and five in-frame stop codons are in red. We will refer to it as **Env_RRE_recomb100**. During reverse-transcription, one of the direct repeat is deleted, the stop codons are removed, and only the last Kozak consensus sequence is retained. To lower the probability of deletion, direct repeats of shorter length can be chosen. Alternatively, one or more nucleotides of the second direct repeat can be altered such that the first and second direct repeats have a percent identity of less than 100%. To increase the probability of deletion, the spacing between the two direct repeats can be increased. Alternatively, the direct repeats can be lengthened by inserting: 1) one or more nucleotides at the 5' end of the Kozak consensus sequences and/or; 2) one or more codons at the 3' end of the start codon of the Kozak consensus sequences.

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GATCTTCAGACCTGGAGGAGGAGATATGAGGGACAATTGGAGAAGTGAATTATATAAATATAAAGTAGTAAAAATTGAACCAT
TAGGAGTAGCACCCACCAAGGCAAAGAGAAGAGTGGTGCAGAGAGAAAAAGAGCAGTGGGAATAGGAGCTTTGTTCTTG
GGTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGGAAGCACTATGGGCGCAGCCTCAATGACGCTGACGGTACAGGCCAGACAATTATTGTCTGGTATA
GTGCAGCAGCAGAACAATTTGCTGAGGGCTATTGAGGCGCAACAGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGCATCAAGCAGCT
CCAGGCAAGAATCCTGGCTGTGAAAAGATACCTAAAGGATCAACAGCTCCTGGGGATTGGGGTTGCTCTGAAAACTCATTT
GCACCACTGCTGTGCCTTGAATGCTAGTTGGAGTAATAAATCTCTGGAACAGATTGGAATCACACGACCTGGATGGAGTGGG
ACAGAGAAATTAACAATTACACAAGCTTAATACACTCCTAATTGAAGAATCGCAAAACCAGCAAGAAAAGAATGAACAAGAA
TTATTGGAATTAGATAAATGGGCAAGTTTGTGGAATTGGTTAACATAACAAATTGGCTGTGGTATATAAAATTATTCATAATG
ATAGTAGGAGGCTTGGTAGGTTTAAGAATAGTTTTTGTGTACTTTCTATAGTGAATAGAGTTAGGCAGGGATATTCACCATT
TCGTTTCAGACCCACCTCCCAACCCGAGGGGACCCGACAGGCCCGAAGGAATAGAAGAAGAAGGTGGAGAGAGAGACAGA
GACAGATCCATTGATTAGTGAACGGATCTCGACGGTATCGCCGCCACCATGGCCAGATGATAATAGTGATAACCCGACAGGC
CCGAAGGAATAGAAGAAGAAGGTGGAGAGAGAGACAGAGACAGATCCATTGATTAGTGAACGGATCTCGACGGTATCGCC
GCCACCATG
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The length of a direct repeat is crucial as it determines the probability of activation (P_{act}). As presented previously, 117-, 284-, and 971-nt identical direct repeats were deleted with a probability of 0.068, 0.199, and 0.87 respectively [36–38]. In another study, a 1,333-, 788-, and 383-nt direct repeat are deleted with a probability of 0.93, 0.85, and 0.28 to 0.4, respectively [69]. The percent identity of the two direct repeats also influences P_{act} . A 156-nt direct repeat with a 100% homology (percent identity) is deleted with a probability of 0.149. A reduction in homology to 95, 91, 82, 73, 63, and 58% yields a deletion probability of 0.096, 0.039, 0.0077, <0.0004, <0.0005, and <0.0008, respectively [36]. SELV therapeutic system can have a P_{act} ranging from 0.001 to 0.99.

Payloads

The payload, located 3' of the translational blocker, consists of sequences encoding one or multiple polypeptides. Each polypeptide can be separated by a linker, such as flexible linkers (e.g., the sequence GGGGS repeated N times), self-cleaving 2A peptides, or protease cleavage sites. Translation of the payload occurs only when the translational blocker undergoes deletion of one of its direct repeats and the in-frame stop codons. The payload may encode various polypeptides, including anti-HIV proteins, HIV agonists or latency reversing agents (ex: Tat), surface marker polypeptides, drug-resistance proteins, drug-sensitizing proteins, safety switches, fluorescent polypeptides, viral accessory proteins, prodrug-activating enzymes, and any combination thereof. Polypeptides can be retained in the cytosol or secreted into the extracellular space by adding an appropriate signal peptide at their N-terminus.

Implementation

An exemplary SELV therapeutic system (CONSTRUCT_001) consists of (from 5' to 3'): prom1_CMV; R_U5_Psi; tGag255; cPPT/CTS; Env_RRE_recomb50; PYLD; fU3_R_U5; L_SV40_polyA

Exemplary DNA and polypeptide sequences are in Supplementary materials. Env_RRE_recomb50 comprises two 50-nt direct repeat sequences (highlighted in cyan) as shown below.

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GATCTTCAGACCTGGAGGAGGAGATATGAGGGACAATTGGAGAAGTGAATTATATAAATATAAAGTAGTAAAAATTGAACCAT
TAGGAGTAGCACCCACCAAGGCAAAGAGAAGAGTGGTGCAGAGAGAAAAAAGAGCAGTGGGAATAGGAGCTTTGTTCTTG
GGTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGGAAGCACTATGGGCGCAGCCTCAATGACGCTGACGGTACAGGCCAGACAATTATTGTCTGGTATA
GTGCAGCAGCAGAACAATTTGCTGAGGGCTATTGAGGCGCAACAGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGCATCAAGCAGCT
CCAGGCAAGAATCCTGGCTGTGGAAAGATACCTAAAGGATCAACAGCTCCTGGGGATTGGGGTTGCTCTGGAAAACTCATTT
GCACCACTGCTGTGCCTTGAATGCTAGTTGGAGTAATAAATCTCTGGAACAGATTGGAATCACACGACCTGGATGGAGTGGG
ACAGAGAAATTAACAATTACACAAGCTTAATACACTCCTTAATTGAAGAATCGCAAAACCAGCAAGAAAAGAATGAACAAGAA
TTATTGGAATTAGATAAATGGGCAAGTTTGTGGAATTGGTTAACATAACAAATTGGCTGTGGTATATAAAATTATTTCATAATG
ATAGTAGGAGGCTTGGTAGGTTTAAGAATAGTTTTTGTGTACTTTCTATAGTGAATAGAGTTAGGCAGGGATATTACCATTAA
TCGTTTCAGACCCACCTCCCAACCCGAGGGGACCCGACAGGCCCGAAGGAATAGAAGAAGAAGGTGGAGAGAGAGACAGA
GACAGATCCATTCGATTAGTGAACGGATCTCGACGGTATCGCCGCCACCATGGCCAGATGATAATAGTGATAACAGATCCATTC
GATTAGTGAACGGATCTCGACGGTATCGCCGCCACCATG
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The payload (PYLD) comprises a reverse transcriptase inhibitor (RTI) [18]; a self-cleaving 2A peptide; HIV-1 Tat66; a self-cleaving 2A peptide; and a plasma membrane-anchored fusion inhibitor (mC46) [19]. Its sequence is as follow: RTI (KETWETWWTE); GSG-P2A (GSGATNFSLLKQAGDVEENPGP); Tat66 (MEPVDPRLEPWKHPGSQPKTACTNCYCKKCCFHCQVCFITKALGISYGRKKRRRRRAHQNSQTHQ); GSG-T2A (GSGEGRGSLLTCGDVEENPGP); LNGFR signal peptide (MGAGATGRAMDGPRLLLLLLGVSLGGA); C46 peptide (WMEWDREINNYTSLIHSLEESQNQKEKNEQELLELDKWASLWNWF); thlgG2 hinge (ERKCCVECPPCPAPPVAGP); CD34 TMD (LIALVTSGALLAVLGITGYFLMNRRSWSPTGERLELEP)

Payload polypeptide (251-aa):

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MKETWETWWTEGSGATNFSLLKQAGDVEENPGPMEPVDPRLEPWKHPGSQPKTACTNCYCKKCCFHCQVCFITKALGISYGRKKR
RQRRRAHQNSQTHQSGEGRGSLLTCGDVEENPGPMGAGATGRAMDGPRLLLLLLGVSLGGAWMEWDREINNYTSLIHSLEES
QNQKEKNEQELLELDKWASLWNWFERKCCVECPPCPAPPVAGPLIALVTSGALLAVLGITGYFLMNRRSWSPTGERLELEP
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Payload nucleotide sequence:

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ATGAAGGAGACCTGGGAGACCTGGTGGACCGAGGGCAGCGGCCACAAATTCAGCTTGCTGAAGCAGGCCGGAGACGTG
GAGGAGAACCCTGGCCCTATGGAACCTGTGGATCCTAGGCTGGAGCCCTGGAAGCACCCCTGGCAGCCAACCCAAGACAGCTT
GTACCAACTGCTACTGCAAGAAGTGCTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGTGTGCTTCATCACAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGA
AGAAGAGGAGGCAAAGGAGGAGGGCCACCAAGACAGCCAGACCCACAGGGATCTGGAGAAGGAAGAGGCAGCCTGCTG
ACCTGCGGAGACGTGGAGGAGAATCCTGGACCTATGGGCGCTGGAGCCACAGGAAGGGCTATGGATGGACCTCGGCTGCTGT
TGTTGCTGCTGCTGGCGTGAGCTTAGGAGGAGCCTGGATGGAATGGGATAGGGAGATCAACAACCTACACCAGCCTGATCCA
CAGCCTGATCGAGGAGAGCCAGAACCAGCAGGAGAAGAACGAGCAGGAGCTGCTGGAGCTGGACAAGTGGGCCAGCCTGTG
GAACTGGTTCGAGAGGAAGTGCTGCGTGGAGTGTCTCCTGTCTGCTCCTGTTGCTGGCCCGTTGATCGCCCTGGTTAC
AAGCGGAGCCCTGCTTGCCGTTCTTGGCATCACCGGCTACTTCTGATGAACAGGAGGAGCTGGAGCCCTACCGGCGAGAGGC
TGGAGCTTGAGCCT
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The sequence of CONSTRUCT_001 is thus (CMV promoter is highlighted in yellow, direct repeats are highlighted in cyan, payload highlighted in green, in-frame stop codons are doubly underlined, the late SV40 polyadenylation signal is in bold and green):

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GACATTGATTATTGACTAGTTATTAATAGTAATCAATTACGGGGTCATTAGTTCATAGCCCATATATGGAGTTCGCGGTTACATA
ACTTACGGTAAATGGCCCGCTGGCTGACCGCCCAACGACCCCGCCATTGACGTCAATAATGACGTATGTTCCCATAGTAAC
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GCCAATAGGGACTTTCCATTGACGTCAATGGGTGGAGTATTTACGGTAAACTGCCACTTGGCAGTACATCAAGTGTATCATAT
 GCCAAGTACGCCCCCTATTGACGTCAATGACGGTAAATGGCCCGCCTGGCATTATGCCAGTACATGACCTTATGGGACTTTCC
 TACTTGGCAGTACATCTACGTATTAGTCATCGCTATTACCATGGTGTATGCGGTTTTGGCAGTACATCAATGGGCGTGGATAGCG
 GTTTGACTCACGGGGATTTCGAAGTCTCCACCCATTGACGTCAATGGGAGTTTTTTTTGGCACCAAAATCAACGGGACTTTCCA
 AAATGTCGTAACAACCTCCGCCCCATTGACGCAAAATGGGCGGTAGGCGGTGACGGTGGGAGGTCTATATAAGCAGCGCGTTTTG
 CCTGTACTGGGTCTCTCTGGTTAGACCAGATCTGAGCCTGGGAGCTCTCTGGCTAACTAGGGAACCCACTGCTTAAGCCTCAAT
 AAAGCTTGCCTTGAGTGCTTCAAGTAGTGTGTGCCCCGTCTGTTGTGTGACTCTGGTAACTAGAGATCCCTCAGACCCTTTTAGTC
 AGTGTGGAAAATCTCTAGCAGTGGCGCCCGAACAGGGACCTGAAAGCGAAAGGGAAACCAGAGCTCTCTCGACGCAGGACTC
 GGCTTGCTGAAGCGCGCACGGCAAGAGGCGAGGGGCGGCGACTGGTGAGTACGCCAAAAATTTTACTAGCGGAGGCTAGA
 AGGAGAGAGATGGGTGCGAGAGCGTCAGTATTAAGCGGGGAGAAATTAGATCGCGATGGGAAAAAATTCGGTTAAGGCCAG
 GGGGAAAGAAAAAATATAAATTAAACATATAGTATGGGCAAGCAGGGAGCTAGAACGATTCGAGTTAATCCTGGCCTGTTA
 GAAACATCAGAAGGCTGTAGACAAATACTGGGACAGCTACAACCATCCCTTCAGACAGGATCAGAAGAAGCTTAGATCATTATA
 TAATACAGTAGCAACCCTTTTAAAAGAAAAGGGGGGATTGGGGGGTACAGTGCAGGGGAAAGAATAGTAGACATAATAGCAA
 CAGACATACAACTAAAGAATTACAAAAACAAATTACAAAATTCAAAATTTTCGGGTTTATTGATCTTCAGACCTGGAGGAGGA
 GATATGAGGGACAATTGGAGAAGTGAATTATATAAATATAAAGTAGTAAAAATTGAACCATTAGGAGTAGACCCACCAAGGC
 AAAGAGAAGAGTGGTGCAGAGAGAAAAAGAGCAGTGGGAATAGGAGCTTTGTTCTTGGGTTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGGAAG
 CACTATGGGCGCAGCCTCAATGACGCTGACGGTACAGGCCAGACAATTATTGTCTGGTATAGTGCAGCAGCAGAACAATTTGC
 TGAGGGCTATTGAGGCGCAACAGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGCATCAAGCAGCTCCAGGCAAGAATCCTGGCTGTG
 GAAAGATACCTAAAGGATCAACAGCTCCTGGGGATTGGGGTTGCTCTGGAAAACCTCATTTGCACCACTGCTGTGCCTTGAAT
 GCTAGTTGGAGTAATAAATCTCTGGAACAGATTGGAATCACACGACCTGGATGGAGTGGGACAGAGAAATTAACAATTACACA
 AGCTTAATACACTCCTTAATTGAAGAATCGCAAAACCAGCAAGAAAAGAATGAACAAGAATTATTGGAATTAGATAAATGGGC
 AAGTTTGGAATTGGTTAACATAACAAATTGGCTGTGGTATATAAAATTATTCATAATGATAGTAGGAGGCTTGGTAGGTTT
 AAGAATAGTTTTTGTGTACTTTCTATAGTGAATAGAGTTAGGCAGGGATATTACCATTATCGTTTCAGACCCACCTCCCAACC
 CCGAGGGGACCCGACAGGCCCGAAGGAATAGAAGAAGAAGGTGGAGAGAGAGACAGAGA **CAGATCCATTGATTAGTGAAC**
GGATCTCGACGGTATCGCCGCCACCATGGCCAGATGATAATAGTGATAA **CAGATCCATTGATTAGTGAACGGATCTCGACGG**
TATCGCCGCCACCATG **AAGGAGACCTGGGAGACCTGGTGGACCGAGGGCAGCGGCGCCACAAATTCAGCTTGCTGAAGCAG**
GCCGGAGACGTGGAGGAGAACCCTGGCCCTATGGAACCTGTGGATCCTAGGCTGGAGCCCTGGAAGCACCTGGCAGCCAAC
CCAAGACAGCTGTACCAACTGCTACTGCAAGAAGTGCTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGTGTGCTTCATACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCA
GCTACGGCAGGAAGAAGAGGAGGCAAAAGGAGGAGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCCACCAGGGATCTGGAGAAGGAAGA
GGCAGCCTGCTGACCTGCGGAGACGTGGAGGAGAATCCTGGACCTATGGGCGCTGGAGCCACAGGAAGGGCTATGGATGGA
CCTCGGCTGCTGTTGTTGCTGCTGCTGGGCGTGAGCTTAGGAGGAGCCTGGATGGAATGGGATAGGGAGATCAACAACCTACA
CCAGCCTGATCCACAGCCTGATCGAGGAGAGCCAGAACCAGCAGGAGAAGAACGAGCAGGAGCTGCTGGAGCTGGACAAGT
GGGCCAGCCTGTGGAACCTGTTTCGAGAGGAAGTGCTGCGTGGAGTGTCTCCTTGTCTGCTCCTCTGTTGCTGGCCGTTGA
TCGCCCTGTTACAAGCGGAGCCCTGCTTGCCGTTCTTGGCATCACCGGCTACTTCTGATGAACAGGAGGAGCTGGAGCCCTA
CCGGCGAGAGGCTGGAGCTTGAGCCT **TGATA** **AGGTACCTTAAGACCAATGACTTACAAGGCAGCTGTAGATCTTAGCCACTTT**
 TAAAAAGAAAAGGGGGGACTGGAAGGGCTAATCACTCCCAAAGAAGACAAGATATCCTTGATCTGTGGATCTACCACACACA
 AGGCTACTTCCCTGATTAGCAGAACTACACACCAGGGCCAGGGGTGAGATATCCACTGACCTTTGGATGGTGCTACAAGCTAGT
 ACCAGTTGAGCCAGATAAGATAGAAGAGGCCAATAAAGGAGAGAACACCAGCTTGTTACACCTGTGAGCCTGCATGGGATG
 GATGACCCGGAGAGAGAGAAGTGTTAGAGTGGAGGTTTGACAGCCGCTAGCATTTTCATCACGTGGCCCGAGAGCTGCATCCGG
 AGTACTTCAAGAACTGCTGACATCGAGCTTGCTACAAGGGACTTTCCGCTGGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGG
 ACTGGGGAGTGGCGAGCCCTCAGATCCTGCATATAAGCAGCTGCTTTTTGCTGTACTGGGTCTCTCTGGTTAGACCAGATCTG
 AGCCTGGGAGCTCTCTGGCTAACTAGGGAACCCACTGCTTAAGCCTCAATAAAGCTTGCCTTGAGTGCTTCAAGTAGTGTGTGC
 CCGTCTGTTGTGTGACTCTGGTAACTAGAGATCCCTCAGACCCTTTTAGTCAGTGTGGAAAATCTTAGCAG **CAGACATGATAA**
GATACATTGATGAGTTTGGACAAACCACAACCTAGAATGCAGTGAAAAAATGCTTTATTTGTGAAATTTGTGATGCTATTGC
TTTATTTGTAACCATTATAAGCTGCAATAAACAAGTTAACAACAACAATTGCATTATTTATGTTTCAGGTTTCAGGGGGAGG
TGTGGGAGGTTTTTTAAAGCAAGTAAACCTCTACAAATGTGGTA

CONSTRUCT_001 is 3,128-nt long without the CMV promoter and SV40 polyadenylation sequence. The full CONSTRUCT_001 can be cloned into an empty vector for maintenance and replication in an appropriate *E. coli* host. A desired amount of plasmids can be obtained using commercially available plasmid purification

kits. The plasmids can serve in many downstream applications such as the production of high titer lentivirus vector pseudotypes.

Another exemplary SELV therapeutic system (CONSTRUCT_002) consists of (from 5' to 3'): prom1_CMV; R_U5_Psi; tGag255; cPPT/CTS; Env_RRE; recomb150_kozak_tat66_gsg-p2a; PYLD; fU3_R_U5; L_SV40_polyA.

Tat66 consists of the first 66-aa of HIV-1 Tat and its nucleotide sequence is (a 150-nt sequence serving as the first direct repeat is highlighted in cyan):

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ATGGAGCCCGTGGACCCCTAGGCTGGAGCCCTGGAAACATCCCGGATCTCAACCCAAGACCGCCTGCACCAACTGCTACTGCAA  
GAAGTGCTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGTGTGCTTCATCACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGAAGAAACGAAGGCAGAGG  
AGGAGGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCCACCAA
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The sequence of recomb150_kozak_tat66_gsg-p2a consists of a Kozak consensus sequence followed by Tat66 (it comprises the first 150-nt direct repeat), three in-frame stop codons, a 150-nt direct repeat, and a self-cleaving 2A peptide (GSG-P2A):

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GCCGCCACCATGGAGCCCGTGGACCCCTAGGCTGGAGCCCTGGAAACATCCCGGATCTCAACCCAAGACCGCCTGCACCAACTG  
CTACTGCAAGAAGTGCTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGTGTGCTTCATCACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGAAGAAACGAA  
GGCAGAGGAGGAGGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCCACCAATGATGATAACAACCCAAGACCGCCTGCACCAACTGCTACTG  
CAAGAAGTGCTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGTGTGCTTCATCACCAAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGGAAGAAACGAAGGCAG  
AGGAGGAGGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCCACCAAGGCAGCGGCGCCACCAACTTCAGCCTGCTGAAGCAGGCCGGAGAT  
GTTGAGGAGAACCTGGACCT
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The payload (PYLD) comprises a reverse transcriptase and integrase inhibitor (RT&INI); a self-cleaving 2A peptide; and a plasma membrane-anchored fusion inhibitor (mC46). Its sequence is as follow: RT&INI (VEAIRILQQLLFH); GSG-T2A (GSGEGRGSLLTCGDVEENPGP); LNGFR signal peptide (MGAGATGRAMDGPRLLLLLLGVSLGGA); C46 peptide (WMEWDREINNYTSLIHSIEESQNQQEKNEQELLELDKWASLWNWF); thlgG2 hinge (ERKCCVECPPCPAPPVAGP); CD34 TMD (LIALVTSGALLAVLGITGYFLMNRRWSPTGERLELEP)

Payload polypeptide:

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VEAIRILQQLLFHSGEGRGSLLTCGDVEENPGPMGAGATGRAMDGPRLLLLLLGVSLGGAWMEWDREINNYTSLIHSIEESQN  
QQEKNEQELLELDKWASLWNWFERKCCVECPPCPAPPVAGPLIALVTSGALLAVLGITGYFLMNRRWSPTGERLELEP
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Payload nucleotide sequence:

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GTGGAGGCCATCATCAGAATCTGCAGCAGCTGCTGTTTCATCCACGGCAGCGGCGAGGGAAGAGGCTCTTTGCTGACCTGCGG  
AGATGTTGAGGAGAACCTGGACCTATGGGAGCTGGAGCCACAGGAAGGGCTATGGACGGACCTAGGCTGCTGCTTCTGCTG  
CTGCTGGGAGTGAGCCTTGGAGGAGCCTGGATGGAGTGGGATAGGGAGATCAACAACACACAGCCTGATCCACAGCCTGA  
TCGAGGAGAGCCAGAACAGCAGGAGAAGAACGAGCAGGAGCTGCTGGAGCTGGACAAGTGGGCCAGCCTGTGGAAGTGGT  
TCGAGAGGAAGTGCTGCGTGGAGTGCCCTCCCTGCTCCTGCTCCTGTTGCTGGACCTTTGATCGCCCTGGTGACAAGCGGCG  
CCCTTCTGGCCGTTCTTGGCATTACAGGCTACTTCTGATGAACAGGAGGAGCTGGAGCCCTACCGGCGAGAGGCTGGAGCTT  
GAGCCT
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The sequence of CONSTRUCT_002 is thus (CMV promoter is highlighted in yellow, Kozak consensus sequence is underlined, direct repeats are highlighted in cyan, payload highlighted in green, in-frame stop codons are doubly underlined, the late SV40 polyadenylation signal is in bold and green):

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GACATTGATTATTGACTAGTTATTAATAGTAATCAATTACGGGGTCATTAGTTCATAGCCCATATATGGAGTTCGCGTTACATA  
ACTTACGGTAAATGGCCCGCCTGGCTGACCGCCCAACGACCCCCGCCATTGACGTCAATAATGACGTATGTTCCCATAGTAAC  
GCCAATAGGGACTTTCCATTGACGTCAATGGGTGGAGTATTACGGTAAACTGCCACTTGGCAGTACATCAAGTGATCATAT  
GCCAAGTACGCCCCCTATTGACGTCAATGACGGTAAATGGCCCGCCTGGCATTATGCCCAGTACATGACCTTATGGGACTTTCC
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TACTTGGCAGTACATCTACGTATTAGTCATCGCTATTACCATGGTGATGCGGTTTTGGCAGTACATCAATGGGCGTGGATAGCG
GTTTGACTCACGGGGATTCCAAGTCTCCACCCATTGACGTCAATGGGAGTTTGTGGCACCACCAATCAACGGGACTTTCCA
AAATGTCGTAACAACCTCCGCCCATTTGACGCAAAATGGGCGGTAGGCGGTACGGTGGGAGGTCTATATAAGCAGCGCGTTTTG
CCTGTACTGGGTCTCTGTTAGACCAGATCTGAGCCTGGGAGCTCTGGCTAACTAGGGAACCCACTGCTTAAGCCTCAAT
AAAGCTTGCCCTGAGTGCTTCAAGTAGTGTGTGCCGTCTGTTGTGTGACTCTGGTAACTAGAGATCCCTCAGACCTTTTAGTC
AGTGTGGAAAACTCTAGCAGTGGCGCCCGAACAGGGACCTGAAAGCGAAAGGGAAACAGAGCTCTCTCGACGCAGGACTC
GGCTTGCTGAAGCGCGCACGGCAAGAGGCGAGGGGCGGCGACTGGTGAGTACGCCAAAAATTTGACTAGCGGAGGCTAGA
AGGAGAGAGATGGGTGCGAGAGCGTCAGTATTAAGCGGGGAGAAATTAGATCGCGATGGGAAAAAATTCGGTTAAGGCCAG
GGGGAAGAAAAAATATAAATTAACATATAGTATGGGCAAGCAGGGAGCTAGAACGATTGCGAGTTAATCCTGGCCTGTTA
GAAACATCAGAAGGCTGTAGACAAATACTGGGACAGCTACAACCATCCCTCAGACAGGATCAGAAGAAGCTTAGATCATTATA
TAATACAGTAGCAACCTTTTAAAAAGAAAAGGGGGGATTGGGGGGTACAGTGCAGGGGAAAGAATAGTAGACATAATAGCAA
CAGACATACAACTAAAGAATTACAAAAACAAATTACAAATTCAAAAATTTTCGGGTTTATTGATCTTCAGACCTGGAGGAGGA
GATATGAGGGACAATTGGAGAAGTGAATTATATAAATATAAAGTAGTAAAAATTGAACCATTAGGAGTAGCACCCACCAAGGC
AAAGAGAAGAGTGGTGACAGAGAGAAAAAGAGCAGTGGGAATAGGAGCTTTGTTCTTGGGTTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGGAAG
CACTATGGGCGCAGCCTCAATGACGCTGACGGTACAGGCCAGACAATTATTGTCTGGTATAGTGCAGCAGCAGAACAATTTGC
TGAGGGCTATTGAGGCGCAACAGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGCATCAAGCAGCTCCAGGCAAGAATCCTGGCTGTG
GAAAGATACCTAAAGGATCAACAGCTCCTGGGGATTGGGGTGTCTGGAAAACCTATTTGCACCACTGCTGTGCCTTGAAT
GCTAGTTGGAGTAATAAATCTCTGGAACAGATTGGAATCACACGACCTGGATGGAGTGGGACAGAGAAATTAACAATTACACA
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GGATCTCGACGGTATCGCCGCCACCATGGAGCCCGTGGACCTAGGCTGGAGCCCTGGAAACATCCCGGATCTCAACCCAAGA
CCGCTGCACCAACTGCTACTGCAAGAAGTGCTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGTGTGCTTCATCACCAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACG
GCAGGAAGAAACGAAGGCAGAGGAGGAGGGGCCACCAGAACAGCCAGACCCACCAATGATGATAACAACCCAAGACCGCCT
GCACCAACTGCTACTGCAAGAAGTGCTGCTTCCACTGCCAGGTGTGCTTCATCACCAGGCCCTGGGCATCAGCTACGGCAGG
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CAGCGGCGAGGGAAGAGGCTCTTGTGCTGACCTGCGGAGATGTTGAGGAGAACCCTGGACCTATGGGAGCTGGAGCCACAGG
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GAGATCAACAACCTACACCAGCTGATCCACAGCCTGATCGAGGAGAGCCAGAACCAGCAGGAGAAGAACGAGCAGGAGCTGC
TGGAGCTGGACAAGTGGGCCAGCCTGTGGAATGTTTCGAGAGGAAGTGCTGCGTGGAGTGGCCTCCCTGTCTGCTCCTCCT
GTTGCTGGACCTTTGATCGCCCTGGTGACAAGCGCGCCCTTCTGGCCGTTCTTGGCATTACAGGCTACTTCTGATGAACAGG
AGGAGCTGGAGCCCTACCGGCGAGAGGCTGGAGCTTGAGCCTTGATAAGGTACCTTTAAGACCAATGACTTACAAGGCAGCT
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TCAGGTTCAGGGGGAGGTGTGGGAGGTTTTTAAAGCAAGTAAACCTCTACAAATGTGGTA

CONSTRUCT_002 is 3,228-nt long without the CMV promoter and SV40 polyadenylation sequence. Tat66 is constitutively expressed and should enhance the production of therapeutic RNAs in cells transduced with this version of SELY.

CONSTRUCT_003 is an exemplary SELY therapeutic system consisting, from 5' to 3', of: prom1_CMV; R_U5_Psi; tGag255; cPPT/CTS; SA3_tat198_{ex1}; GSG-P2A_RQR8; Env_RRE_recomb150; PYLD; IRES; iCASP9; fU3_R_U5; L_SV40_polyA.

Env_RRE_recomb150 comprises two 150-nt direct repeats and has the sequence (a 26-nt sequence (in bold and orange) is inserted between the 3' end of Env_RRE and the 5' end of the first Kozak consensus sequence so the length of the direct repeats are 150-nt each):

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GATCTTCAGACCTGGAGGAGGAGATATGAGGGACAATTGGAGAAGTGAATTATATAAATATAAAAGTAGTAAAAATTGAACCAT
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RQR8 is a cell surface marker polypeptide [55] with the sequence (signal peptide is underlined):

GTSLLCWMALCLLGADHADACPYSNP_{SLCSGGGGSELPTQGTFSNVSTNVSPAKPTTTAC}PYSNP_{SLCSGGGGSPAPRPPTP}APTIAS
QPLSLRPEACRPAAGGAVHTRGLDFACDIYWAPLAGTCGVLLSLVITLYCNHRNRRRVCKCPRPVV

GSG-P2A_RQR8 has the sequence:

GSGATNFSLLKQAGDVEENPGPGTGTSLLCWMALCLLGADHADACPYSNP_{SLCSGGGGSELPTQGTFSNVSTNVSPAKPTTTAC}PYSNP_{SLCSGGGGSPAPRPPTP}APTIAS
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GSG-P2A_RQR8 nucleotide sequence:

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iCASP9 is the inducible human caspase9 safety switch [53] with the sequence:

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GVQVETISPGDGRTPKRGQTCVVHYTGMLEDGKKVDSRDNRNPKFKMLGKQEVIRGWEEGVAQMSVQRAKLITSPDYAYGAT
GHPGIIPPHATLVFDVELLKLESGGSGVDGFGDVGALESRLGNADLAYILSMEPCGHCLIINNPNFCRESGLRTRTGSNIDCEKLRFRF
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iCASP9 nucleotide sequence:

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CGGCGCTACAGGACATCCCGGCATCATCCCTCTACGCCACATTGGTGTTCGACGTGGAGCTGCTGAAGCTGGAGAGCGGAG
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 AGATGGTGTGGCCTTGCTGGAGCTTGCTAGGCAGGACCACGGCGCTCTTGACTGCTGTGTGGTGGTGATCCTGAGCCACGGC
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The IRES is taken from EMCV and has the sequence:

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 CTTTCCCCTCTCGCAAAGGAATGCAAGGTCTGTTGAATGTCGTGAAGGAAGCAGTTCTCTGGAAGCTTCTGAAGACAAACA
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 TATTCAACAAGGGGCTGAAGGATGCCAGAAGGTACCCATTGTATGGGATCTGATCTGGGCCTCGGTGCACATGCTTTACA
 TGTGTTTAGTCGAGGTAAAAAACGTCTAGGCCCCCGAACACGCGGGACGTGGTTTTCTTTGAAAAACACGATGATAAT**AT**
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The payload (PYLD) comprises a reverse transcriptase and integrase inhibitor (RT&INI) [20]; a self-
 cleaving 2A peptide; and a plasma membrane-anchored fusion inhibitor (mC46). Its sequence is as
 follow: RT&INI (VEAIIRILQQLFIH); GSG-T2A (GSGEGRGSLTCGDVEENPGP); LNGFR signal peptide
 (MGAGATGRAMDGPRLLLLLLGVSLGGA); C46 peptide
 (WMEWDREINNYTSLIHS�IESQNQQEKNEQELLELDKWASLWNWF); thlgG2 hinge
 (ERKCCVECPPCPAPPVAGP); CD34 TMD (LIALVTSGALLAVLGITGYFLMNRRSWSPTGERLELEP)

Payload polypeptide:

MVEAIIRILQQLFIHGSGEGRGSLTCDVEENPGPMGAGATGRAMDGPRLLLLLLGVSLGGAWMEWDREINNYTSLIHS�IES
 QNQQEKNEQELLELDKWASLWNWFERKCCVECPPCPAPPVAGPLIALVTSGALLAVLGITGYFLMNRRSWSPTGERLELEP

Payload nucleotide sequence:

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 GAGCCT

The sequence of CONSTRUCT_003 is thus (CMV promoter is highlighted in yellow, direct repeats are
 highlighted in cyan, payload highlighted in blue, in-frame stop codons are doubly underlined, the late
 SV40 polyadenylation signal is in bold and green):

GACATTGATTATTGACTAGTTATTAATAGTAATCAATTACGGGGTCATTAGTTCATAGCCCATATATGGAGTTCCGCGTTACATA
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CONSTRUCT_003 is 5,716-nt long without the CMV promoter and SV40 polyadenylation sequence. Tat66 [50] can be constitutively expressed after mRNA splicing at SD1-SA3. It should enhance the production of therapeutic RNAs in cells transduced with this version of SELY. RQR8 is co-expressed with Tat66 and serve as a selectable marker and safety switch. iCASP9 is also constitutively expressed and can induce apoptosis in the presence of small molecule ligands such as AP1903. When the translational blocker is OFF, the payload can be expressed after mRNA splicing at SD1-SA7.

CONSTRUCT_004 is an exemplary SELY therapeutic system similar in structure to CONSTRUCT_003 but having its CMV sequence (prom1_CMV) replaced with HIV-1 U3 sequence (prom1_U3). It consists, from 5' to 3', of: prom1_U3; R_U5_Psi; tGag255; cPPT/CTS; SA3_tat198_{ex1}; GSG-P2A_RQR8; Env_RRE_recomb150; PYLD; IRES; iCASP9; fU3_R_U5; L_SV40_polyA.

CONSTRUCT_004 can be inserted into a Piggybac transposon vector comprising an origin of replication and a selectable marker necessary for plasmid's replication and maintenance, and the positive selection of *E. coli* transformed with the vector. Alternatively, CONSTRUCT_004 can be flanked at both of its end with a transposon 5' and 3' flanking ends (Table S4) and then cloned into an empty vector.

CONSTRUCT_004_T consists of the sequence of CONSTRUCT_004 inserted between two PiggyBac transposon's 5' and 3' flanking ends: ePB_5_prime; prom1_U3; R_U5_Psi; tGag255; cPPT/CTS; SA3_tat198_{ex1}; GSG-P2A_RQR8; Env_RRE_recomb150; PYLD; IRES; iCASP9; fU3_R_U5; L_SV40_polyA; ePB_3_prime.

CONSTRUCT_004_T is 6,751-nt and has the sequence:

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A sequence comprising a translational blocker and a payload can be cloned into a plasmid harboring CONSTRUCT_004_T_empty by applying traditional molecular cloning techniques and using PacI and AfeI as restriction enzymes. The payload sequence can be terminated with at least one in-frame stop codon. If PacI and AfeI restriction sites are inappropriate, they can be replaced with any unique restriction site(s) or a Multiple Cloning Site (MCS) sequence.

Production

Exemplary DNA sequences comprising SELY therapeutic sequence are disclosed above. A DNA sequence of interest can be split into N subsequence of a desired size, gene-synthesized, and then assembled using well known techniques like Gibson assembly [71], Golden Gate assembly [72], and In-Fusion cloning [73].

SELY therapeutic sequences can be cloned between the 5' and 3' flanking regions (transposon direct repeats) of a transposon vector, replicated in a bacterial host, and purified for downstream applications. Alternatively, SELY therapeutic sequences can be cloned into empty vectors containing replication origins and selectable markers. Recombinant vectors produced after bacterial transformation and plasmid purification can be used for SELY vector production. Any lentiviral vectors production protocols described in the art are appropriate for use herein, with the condition that the co-transfection protocol involves the use of a plasmid harboring SELY therapeutic sequence, an envelope plasmid encoding a desired glycoprotein (VSV-G, LCMV-G [74], mRD114-G [40], coCal-G [75]), and packaging plasmids encoding Gag-Pol and Rev.

Alternatively, SELY vectors can be produced by transfecting plasmids harboring SELY therapeutic sequence into packaging cells that express integrated Gag-Pol, Env (envelope) and Rev genes upon the introduction of a small molecule ligand (example: doxycycline [76], cumate [77]) into the culture medium.

Integrase-defective packaging plasmids [78] can be utilized to produce integrase-defective SELY vectors. These vectors, when reverse-transcribed, remain as non-integrated episomes in the transduced cell nucleus, ensuring safety. In cells infected with HIV, the episomes are actively transcribed, and the newly produced SELY vectors have a functional integrase and are CD4⁺-CCR5/CXCR4 tropic. In cells non-permissive for HIV infection, the episomal SELY therapeutic DNA is gradually eliminated after several rounds of mitosis.

Uses

Administration by injection

Pharmaceutical compositions containing integrase-intact or integrase-defective SELY vectors can be administered intradermally, intravenously, or intrabonally to patients. Intradermal gel injections allow slow vector release and passive diffusion across lymphoid structures. Intravenous injection can lead to the transduction of cells of the kidneys, spleen, and liver, while intrabone injections deliver vectors to bone marrow compartments, transducing hematopoietic progenitor cells.

Hematopoietic stem cells can be transduced by mobilizing them into circulation with mobilization stimuli [79], followed by intravenous injection of pharmaceutical compositions containing SELY vectors. These vectors may encode a drug-resistance gene that confers survival advantage to transduced cells. For example, SELY vectors comprising a sequence encoding MGMT-P140K [80], DHFR-L22Y [81], and miRNA/shRNA targeting HPRT [82] can protect transduced cells against the lethal effect of drugs such as O6-benzylguanine, methotrexate, and 6-thioguanine, respectively.

Ex vivo transfection or transduction of cells

The aim of transduction or transfection is to integrate SELY therapeutic DNA into the desired cells, such as induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs), CD34+ hematopoietic progenitor cells, or CD4+ T cells. Transduction consists of contacting cells of interest with an appropriate amount of SELY vectors. Any transduction protocols described in the art, involving lentivectors, and involving mammalian cells, are appropriate for use herein, replacing the protocol's lentivector and cells with SELY vector and the desired cells, respectively. Transfection consists of contacting cells of interests with an appropriate volume or amount of a transfection cocktail comprising an adequate amount and ratio of transposon plasmids bearing a SELY therapeutic sequence and the appropriate transposase expression vectors. Any transfection protocols described in the art, involving transposon plasmids, and involving mammalian cells, are appropriate for use herein, replacing the protocol's transposon vectors and cells with transposon vectors harboring a SELY therapeutic sequence and the desired cells, respectively.

Following transduction with SELY vectors or transfection with transposon vectors harboring SELY therapeutic sequences, the modified cells can be injected into patients or cultured to expand their numbers. For instance, transduced autologous CD4+ T cells or autologous SELY CD4+ T cells can be stimulated with anti-CD28, anti-CD3 and cultured for days in the presence of IL-2/IL-15 and optionally IL-7 to increase their initial number. The clonally expanded cells are then re-infused back into patients either once or through a series of injections. In a similar approach, autologous CD4+ T cells were transduced with VRX496 lentiviral vectors, clonally expanded, and then re-infused back into patients at a dose of 5×10^9 to 1×10^{10} cells administered biweekly [45]. The cells were able to persist for up to 5 years in some patients.

In the following example, transformed autologous CD34+ hematopoietic progenitor cells or autologous SELY CD34+ cells are re-infused back into patients without requiring myeloablative, lymphodepleting, or any form of preconditioning regimens. In a similar scenario, retrovirally-transduced CD34+ hematopoietic progenitor cells were intravenously administered into patients, absent any preconditioning regimens. It resulted in the gene marking of approximately 0.01-0.38% of the circulating peripheral blood mononuclear cells [83].

Cell samples from HIV-infected patients may contain infectious HIV, which can be mitigated by culturing cells with HIV protease inhibitors. During transfection for SELY therapeutic DNA integration, experimental or approved anti-HIV drugs can be used to control HIV infection. However, caution is needed with SELY

vectors, as they are more sensitive to anti-HIV drugs like fusion inhibitors, reverse-transcriptase inhibitors, and integrase inhibitors, which should be avoided during transduction to ensure successful integration of SELY therapeutic DNAs into the cell's genome. During cell culture, any anti-HIV drugs disclosed in the art or approved by regulatory agencies (ex: FDA, EMA) are appropriate to control HIV infection.

Bone marrow engraftment

SELY CD34+ hematopoietic progenitor cells, whether from the patient's own body or from a donor, can sometimes fail to engraft sufficiently when administered through intravenous or intrabone injection. This issue can be tackled by preparing the patient with a conditioning regimen before the cell infusion. Any conditioning regimens—including low-intensity, low exposure, minimal intensity, very low-dose, single-dose, and those that result in short graft persistence, low level of chimerism, graft rejection, cancer relapse, or insignificant overall survival—disclosed in the relevant art literature and used before bone marrow transplantation are applicable here. Concerns like graft rejection, cancer relapse, or low survival rates, which are relevant in cancer treatments, are less worrisome for SELY cell engraftment in non-cancer patients. Conditioning regimens designed for toddlers and infants are suitable for adult patients as well.

When exposed to HIV, SELY cells generate SELY vectors capable of infecting CD4+ cells, leading to a rapid increase in SELY CD4+ cell numbers. Even a small number of SELY cells can trigger a chain reaction, significantly expanding the SELY cell population inside the patient. Long-term persistence of marrow grafts isn't a concern because SELY vectors can persist in peripheral CD4+ cells.

Shock-and-kill combination approach

The "shock-and-kill" strategy involves stimulating latent HIV-infected cells with latency-reversing agents, followed by controlling viral rebound with antiretroviral therapy and immune-mediated clearance of infected cells. To enhance this approach, patients can receive autologous or allogeneic SELY CD4+ cells or SELY vectors, followed by latency-reversing agent administration. Antiretroviral drugs are given only when HIV RNA levels surpass a certain 'safety' threshold (ex: 200,000 copies/mL). Upon HIV rebound, the virus infects CD4+ and SELY cells, prompting the production of more SELY vectors, which then infect nearby CD4+ cells. This competitive interaction between SELY vectors and HIV, along with the generation of HIV-resistant SELY CD4+ cells, helps suppress HIV infection.

Newly formed latent HIV reservoirs likely contain SELY therapeutic DNAs, converting them into latent therapeutic reservoirs, SELY vector-producing cells, or HIV-resistant cells. The newly produced SELY vectors, sharing the same envelope as HIV, are conditionally replicating and can act as an antigen-presenting platform. Furthermore, SELY vector-infected activated CD4+ T cells may become HIV-resistant, aiding in the generation of an effective anti-HIV immune response by presenting HIV antigens to CD8+ T cells and B cells [84], as CD4+ T cells play a crucial role in promoting B cells' antibody production and priming cytotoxic and memory CD8+ T cells when combined with dendritic cells [85].

SELY Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells

When CAR T cells are modified with SELY vectors, they become SELY CAR T cells. A certain percentage, P_{act} x 100 %, of these cells become HIV-resistant, while the remaining percentage, $(1-P_{act})$ x 100 %, act as a therapeutic reservoir. Transforming HIV-specific CD4+ CAR T cells [86–92] with the SELY system is highly appealing because when these cells encounter HIV-infected cells in various body areas, they get activated, undergo robust expansion, and start producing SELY vectors upon HIV infection (FIGURE 17).

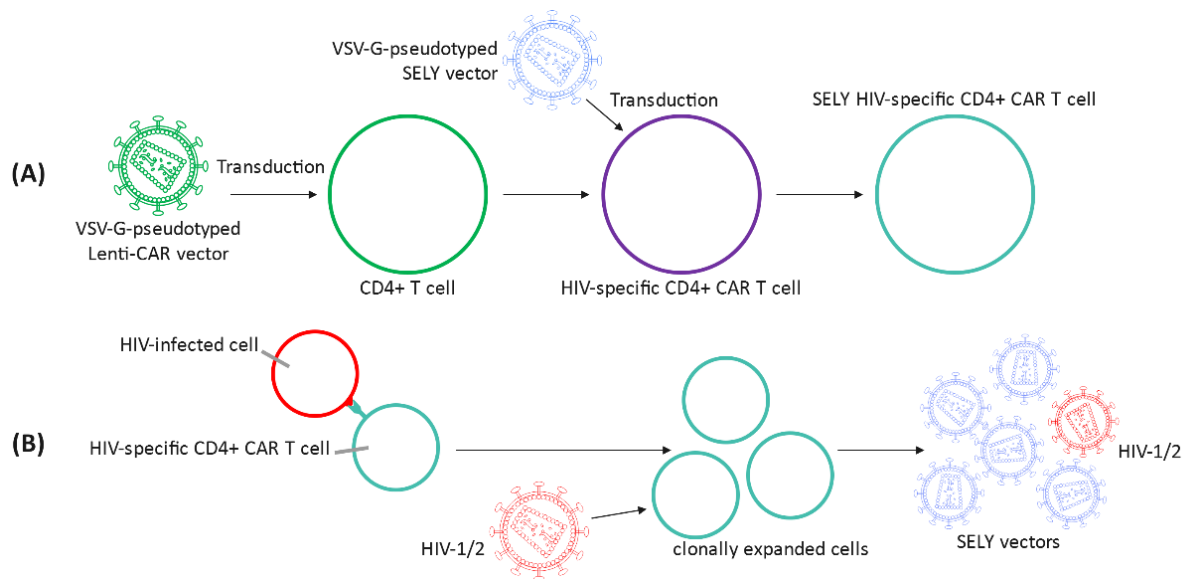


FIGURE 17: (A) illustrates the production of SELY HIV-specific CD4+ CAR T cells by modifying HIV-specific CD4+ CAR T cells with SELY vectors and a VSV-G-pseudotyped Lenti-CAR vector (the order of transduction is irrelevant). (B) Shows how SELY HIV-specific CD4+ CAR T cells rapidly expand after encountering an HIV-infected cell. Once infected by HIV, the expanded cells (part of the therapeutic reservoir subset) begin actively generating SELY vectors.

Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CARs) comprise an antigen binding domain, a hinge, a transmembrane domain, and cytoplasmic domain(s). CD4 extracellular domain [90], soluble CD4 [93], CD4 fragments [94], VH/VL segment derived from broadly neutralizing antibodies [91,92] are examples of suitable antigen binding domain for application here. Various cytoplasmic domains of chimeric antigen receptors described in existing literature are also suitable here. The cells don't necessarily need to have a CAR-encoding sequence integrated into their genome; transient expression of CAR after lipid-nanoparticle-mediated delivery of mRNAs encoding CAR is also effective.

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Supplementary materials

Table S1: HIV-1 translation start sequences (extracted from AF033819.3)

Gene	Sequence
Gag	GACTAGCGGAGGCTAGAAGGAGAGAGATGG
Vif	AAGAAAAGCAAAGATCATTAGGGATTATGG
Vpr	AGTGTTACGAAACTGACAGAGGATAGATGG
Tat	CGTTACTCGACAGAGGAGAGCAAGAAATGG
Rev	CATAACAAAAGCCTTAGGCATCTCCTATGG
Vpu	TATCAAAGCAGTAAGTAGTACATGTAATGC
Env	AATAGAAAGAGCAGAAGACAGTGGCAATGA
Nef	GGGCTTGGAAAGGATTTTGTATAAGATGG

Table S2: Exemplary components of HIV-1 transfer genome and SELV therapeutic sequences.

Name	Description	Sequence
R_U5_psi	R, U5, SD1, Psi sequences.	GGGTCTCTCTGGTTAGACCAGATCTGAGCCTGGGAGCTCTCTGGCTA ACTAGGGAACCCACTGCTTAAGCCTCAATAAAGCTTGCCTTGAGTGCT TCAAGTAGTGTGTGCCCGTCTGTTGTGTGACTCTGGTAACTAGAGATC CCTCAGACCCTTTTAGTCAGTGTGGAAAATCTCTAGCAGTGGCGCCCCG AACAGGGACCTGAAAGCGAAAGGGAAACCAGAGCTCTCTCGACGCA GGACTCGGCTTGCTGAAGCGCGCACGGCAAGAGGCGAGGGGCGGC GACTGGTGAGTACGCCAAAAATTTGACTAGCGGAGGCTAGAAGGA GAGAG
tGag	Truncated Gag sequence containing internal in-frame stop codon(s).	ATGGGTGCGAGAGCGTCAGTATTAAGCGGGGGAGAATTAGATCGCG ATGGGAAAAAATTCGGTTAAGGCCAGGGGGAAAGAAAAAATATAAA TTAAACATATAGTATGGGCAAGCAGGGAGCTAGAACGATTTCGCAGT TAATCCTGGCCTGTTAGAAACATCAGAAGGCTGTAGACAAATACTGG GACAGCTACAACCATCCCTTCAGACAGGATCAGAAGAACTTAGATCAT TATATAATACAGTAGCAACCCTCTATTGTGTGCATCAAAGGATAGAGA TAAAGACACCAAGGAAGCTTTAGACAAGATAGAGGAAGAGCAAAA CAAAAGTAAGA
tGag255	Truncated Gag sequence (first 255-nt) containing internal in-frame stop codon(s).	ATGGGTGCGAGAGCGTCAGTATTAAGCGGGGGAGAATTAGATCGCG ATGGGAAAAAATTCGGTTAAGGCCAGGGGGAAAGAAAAAATATAAA TTAAACATATAGTATGGGCAAGCAGGGAGCTAGAACGATTTCGCAGT TAATCCTGGCCTGTTAGAAACATCAGAAGGCTGTAGACAAATACTGG GACAGCTACAACCATCCCTTCAGACAGGATCAGAAGAACTTAGATCAT TATATAATACAGTAGCAACCC
tGag40	Truncated Gag sequence (first 40-nt).	ATGGGTGCGAGAGCGTCAGTATTAAGCGGGGGAGAATTAG
cPPT/CTS	Central polypurine tract and termination sequences. PPT.	TTTTAAAGAAAAGGGGGGATTGGGGGTACAGTGCAGGGGAAAG AATAGTAGACATAATAGCAACAGACATACAAACTAAAGAATTACAAA AACAAATTACAAAATTCAAATTTTCGGGTTTATTA
Env_RRE	Portion of the Env sequence comprising the Rev-Response	GATCTTCAGACCTGGAGGAGGAGATATGAGGGACAATTGGAGAAGT GAATTATATAAATATAAAGTAGTAAAAATTGAACCATTAGGAGTAGC ACCCACCAAGGCAAAGAGAAGAGTGGTGCAGAGAGAAAAAGAGC AGTGGGAATAGGAGCTTTGTTCTTGGGTTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGGAA

	Element. Splice acceptor 7 (SA7).	<p>GCACTATGGGCGCAGCCTCAATGACGCTGACGGTACAGGCCAGACAA TTATTGTCTGGTATAGTGCAGCAGCAGAACAATTTGCTGAGGGCTATT GAGGCGCAACAGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGCATCAAGCA GCTCCAGGCAAGAATCCTGGCTGTGGAAAGATACCTAAAGGATCAAC AGCTCCTGGGGATTGTTGGGTTGCTCTGGAAAACCTATTTGCACCACTG CTGTGCCTTGAATGCTAGTTGGAGTAATAAATCTCTGGAACAGATTG GAATCACACGACCTGGATGGAGTGGGACAGAGAAATTAACAATTACA CAAGCTTAATACTCCTTAATTGAAGAATCGAAAACCAGCAAGAAA AGAATGAACAAGAATTATTGGAATTAGATAAATGGGCAAGTTTGTGG AATTGGTTAACATAACAAATTGGCTGTGGTATATAAAATTATTCTATA ATGATAGTAGGAGGCTTGGTAGGTTTAAGAATAGTTTTGCTGTACTT TCTATAGTGAATAGAGTTAGGCAGGGATATTCACCATTATCGTTTCAG ACCCACCTCCCAACCCCGAGGGGACCCGACAGGCCCGAAGGAATAGA AGAAGAAGGTGGAGAGAGAGACAGAGACAGATCCATTCGATTAGTG AACGGATCTCGACGGTATC</p>
Env_RRE_SA7 ^{enh}	Portion of the Env sequence comprising the Rev-Response Element. The strength of the 3' splice site comprising Splice acceptor 7 (SA7) is enhanced. Branch point.	<p>GATCTTCAGACCTGGAGGAGGAGATATGAGGGACAATTGGAGAAGT GAATTATATAAATATAAAGTAGTAAAAATTGAACCATTAGGAGTAGC ACCCACCAAGGCAAAGAGAAGAGTGGTGCAGAGAGAAAAAGAGC AGTGGGAATAGGAGCTTTGTTCTTGGGTTCTTGGGAGCAGCAGGAA GCACTATGGGCGCAGCCTCAATGACGCTGACGGTACAGGCCAGACAA TTATTGTCTGGTATAGTGCAGCAGCAGAACAATTTGCTGAGGGCTATT GAGGCGCAACAGCATCTGTTGCAACTCACAGTCTGGGGCATCAAGCA GCTCCAGGCAAGAATCCTGGCTGTGGAAAGATACCTAAAGGATCAAC AGCTCCTGGGGATTGTTGGGTTGCTCTGGAAAACCTATTTGCACCACTG CTGTGCCTTGAATGCTAGTTGGAGTAATAAATCTCTGGAACAGATTG GAATCACACGACCTGGATGGAGTGGGACAGAGAAATTAACAATTACA CAAGCTTAATACTCCTTAATTGAAGAATCGAAAACCAGCAAGAAA AGAATGAACAAGAATTATTGGAATTAGATAAATGGGCAAGTTTGTGG AATTGGTTAACATAACAAATTGGCTGTGGTATATAAAATTATTCTATA ATGATAGTAGGAGGCTTGGTAGGTTTAAGAATAGTTTTGCGTTCTTT CTATTGCTAACCGTGTTCTGTAAGGTTATTCTCTCTTTCTTTTCAGAC CCACCTCCCAACCCCGAGGGGACCCGACAGGCCCGAAGGAATAGAA GAAGAAGGTGGAGAGAGAGACAGAGACAGATCCATTCGATTAGTGA ACGGATCTCGACGGTATC</p>
fU3_R_U5	Full length U3 sequence, R, and U5	<p>GGTACCTTTAAGACCAATGACTTACAAGGCAGCTGTAGATCTTAGCCA CTTTTTAAAAGAAAAGGGGGGACTGGAAGGGCTAATTCACCTCCAAA GAAGACAAGATATCCTTGATCTGTGGATCTACCACACACAAGGCTACT TCCCTGATTAGCAGAACTACACACCAGGGCCAGGGGTGAGATATCCA CTGACCTTTGGATGGTGCTACAAGCTAGTACCAGTTGAGCCAGATAA GATAGAAGAGGCCAATAAAGGAGAGAACACCAGCTTGTTACACCCTG TGAGCCTGCATGGGATGGATGACCCGGAGAGAGAAGTGTTAGAGTG GAGGTTTGACAGCCGCCTAGCATTTTCACGTGGCCCGAGAGCTGC ATCCGGAGTACTTCAAGAACTGCTGACATCGAGCTTGCTACAAGGGA CTTTCCGCTGGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGGACTG GGGAGTGGCGAGCCCTCAGATCCTGCATATAAGCAGCTGCTTTTGC CTGTACTGGGTCTCTCTGTTAGACCAGATCTGAGCCTGGGAGCTCTC TGGCTAACTAGGGAACCCACTGCTTAAGCCTCAATAAAGCTTGCCTTG AGTGCTTCAAGTAGTGTGTGCCCGTCTGTTGTGTGACTCTGGTAAC GAGATCCCTCAGACCCCTTTAGTCAGTGTGGAAAATCTCTAGCAG</p>

ΔU3_R_U5	U3 with a 400-nt deletion, R, U5	GGTACCTTTAAGACCAATGACTTACAAGGCAGCTGTAGATCTTAGCCA CTTTTTAAAAAGAAAAGGGGGGA CTGGAAGGGCTAATTC ACTCCCAAC GAAAATAAGATCTGCTTTT GCTTGTACT GGGTCTCTCTGGTTAGAC AGATCTGAGCCTGGGAGCTCTCTGGCTAACTAGGGAACCCACTGCTT AAGCCTCAATAAAGCTTGCCTTGAGTGCTTCAAGTAGTGTGTGCCCGT CTGTTGTGTGACTCTGGTAACTAGAGATCCCTCAGACCCTTTTAGTCA GTGTGGAAAATCTCTAGCAG
SA3_tat216_{ex1}	Splice acceptor 3 (SA3), and first 216-nt of Tat exon 1 (encoding the first 72-aa of Tat).	CAG AATTGGGTGTCGACATAGCAGAATAGGCGTTACTCGACAGAGG AGAGCAAGAA ATGGAGCCAGTAGATCCTAGACTAGAGCCCTGGAAG CATCCAGGAAGTCAGCCTAAA ACTGCTTGACCAATTGCTATTGTAA AAGTGTGCTTTCATTGCCAAGTTTGTTCATAACAAAAGCCTTAGGC ATCTCCTATGGCAGGAAGAAGCGGAGACAGCGACGAAGAGCTCATC AGAACAGTCAGACTCATCAAGCTTCTCTATCAAAGCAG
SA3_tat198_{ex1}	Splice acceptor 3 (SA3), and first 198-nt of Tat exon 1 (encoding the first 66-aa of Tat).	CAG AATTGGGTGTCGACATAGCAGAATAGGCGTTACTCGACAGAGG AGAGCAAGAA ATGGAGCCAGTAGATCCTAGACTAGAGCCCTGGAAG CATCCAGGAAGTCAGCCTAAA ACTGCTTGACCAATTGCTATTGTAA AAGTGTGCTTTCATTGCCAAGTTTGTTCATAACAAAAGCCTTAGGC ATCTCCTATGGCAGGAAGAAGCGGAGACAGCGACGAAGAGCTCATC AGAACAGTCAGACTCATCAA

Table S3: Promoter 1 sequences.

Name	Description	Sequence
Prom1_CMV	human cytomegalovirus immediate early enhancer + immediate early promoter	GACATTGATTATTGACTAGTTATTAATAGTAATCAATTACGGGGTCATTA GTTCATAGCCCATATATGGAGTTCGCGTTACATAACTTACGGTAAATG GCCCCGCTGGCTGACCGCCCAACGACCCCCGCCATTGACGTCAATAAT GACGTATGTTCCCATAGTAACGCCAATAGGGACTTTCATTGACGTCAA TGGGTGGAGTATTTACGGTAAACTGCCCACTTGGCAGTACATCAAGTGT ATCATATGCCAAGTACGCCCCCTATTGACGTCAATGACGGTAAATGGCC CGCCTGGCATTATGCCAGTACATGACCTTATGGGACTTTCCTACTTGGC AGTACATCTACGTATTAGTCATCGCTATTACCATGGTGATGCGGTTTTG GCAGTACATCAATGGGCGTGGATAGCGGTTTGACTCACGGGGATTTC AAGTCTCCACCCATTGACGTCAATGGGAGTTTGTTCGACCAAAAT CAACGGGACTTTCACAAATGTCGTAACAACTCCGCCCATGACGCAAA TGGGCGGTAGGCGGTACGGTGGGAGGTC TATATAAG CAGCGCGTTTT GCCTGTACT
Prom1_RSV	Rous sarcoma virus enhancer + promoter	TGTAGTCTTATGCAATACTCTTGTAGTCTTGCAACATGGTAACGATGAG TTAGCAACATGCCTTACAAGGAGAGAAAAAGCACCGTGCATGCCGATT GGTGGAAGTAAGGTGGTACGATCGTGCCTTATTAGGAAGGCAACAGAC GGGTCTGACATGGATTGGACGAACCACTGAATTGCCGCATTGCAGAGA TATTGTATTTAAGTGCCTAGCTCGATACATAAAC
Prom1_B2M	Human beta-2-microglobulin promoter	GAAACCCTGCAGGGAATTCCAAGCTGTAGTTATAAACAGAAGTTCTCC TTCTGCTAGGTAGCATTCAAAGATCTTAATCTTCTGGGTTTCCGTTTTCTC GAATGAAAAATGCAGGTCCGAGCAGTTAACTGGCTGGGGCACCATTAG CAAGTCACCTAGCATCTCTGGGGCCAGTCTGCAAAGCGAGGGGGCAGC CTTAATGTGCCTCCAGCCTGAAGTCTAGAAATGAGCGCCCGGTGTCCCA AGCTGGGGCGCGCACCCAGATCGGAGGGCGCCGATGTACAGACAGC AAACTCACCCAGTCTAGTGCATGCCTTCTTAACATCACGAGACTCTAA GAAAAGGAAACTGAAAACGGGAAAGTCCCTCTCTAACCTGGCACTG

		CGTCGCTGGCTTGGAGACAGGTGACGGTCCCTGCGGGCCTTGTCTGA TTGGCTGGGCACGCGTTTAATATAAGTGGAGGCGTCGCGCTGGCGGGC
Prom1_U3	HIV-1 U3 sequence	CTGGAAGGGCTAATTCACCTCCCAAAGAAGACAAGATATCCTTGATCTGT GGATCTACCACACACAAGGCTACTTCCCTGATTAGCAGAACTACACACC AGGGCCAGGGGTCAGATATCCACTGACCTTTGGATGGTGCTACAAGCT AGTACCAGTTGAGCCAGATAAGATAGAAGAGGCCAATAAAGGAGAGA ACACCAGCTTGTTACACCCTGTGAGCCTGCATGGGATGGATGACCCGG AGAGAGAAGTGTTAGAGTGGAGGTTTGACAGCCGCTAGCATTTCATC ACGTGGCCCCGAGAGCTGCATCCGGAGTACTTCAAGAACTGCTGACATC GAGCTTGCTACAAGGGACTTTCCGCTGGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTG GCCTGGGCGGGACTGGGGAGTGGCGAGCCCTCAGATCCTGCATATAAG CAGCTGCTTTTTGCCTGTACT

Table S4: Exemplary transposon flanking sequences.

Name	Description	Sequence
Tol2_5_prime	5' flanking region of Tol2 transposon	CAGAGGTGTAAAGTACTTGAGTAATTTTACTTGATTACTGTACTTAAGTA TTATTTTTGGGGATTTTACTTTACTTGAGTACAATTAATACTACTT TTACTTTTACTTAATTACATTTTTTTAGAAAAAAGTACTTTTACTCCT TACAATTTTATTTACAGTCAAAAAGTACTTATTTTTTGGAGATCACTT
Tol2_3_prime	3' flanking region of Tol2 transposon	TAATACTCAAGTACAATTTTAATGGAGTACTTTTTTACTTTTACTCAAGTA AGATTCTAGCCAGATACTTTTACTTTTAATTGAGTAAAATTTTCCCTAAG TACTTGTACTTTCACTTGAGTAAAATTTTGAGTACTTTTACACCTCTG
SB_5_prime	5' flanking region of Sleeping Beauty transposon	CAGTTGAAGTCGGAAGTTTACATACACTTAAGTTGGAGTCATTAAACT CGTTTTCAACTACTCCACAAATTTCTTGTTAACAAACAATAGTTTTGGC AAGTCAGTTAGGACATCTACTTTGTGCATGACACAAGTCATTTTTCCAAC AATTGTTTACAGACAGATTATTTCACTTATAATTCAGTGTATCACAATTCC AGTGGGTGAGAAGTTTACATACACTAAGT
SB_3_prime	3' flanking region of Sleeping Beauty transposon	ATTGAGTGTATGTAACCTTCTGACCCACTGGGAATGTGATGAAAGAAAT AAAAGCTGAAATGAATCATTCTCTACTATTATTCTGATATTTACATTCT TTAAATAAAGTGAGTATCTAAGTACCTAAGACAGGGAATTTTACT AGGATTAAATGTCAGGAATTGTGAAAAAGTGAATTTAAATGTATTTGGC TAAGGTGTATGTAACCTTCCGACTTCAACTG
ePB_5_prime	5' flanking region of enhanced piggyback transposon	CGCAGCTAGATTAACCCTAGAAAGATAGTCTGCGTAAAATTGACGCATG CATTCTTGAAATATTGCTCTCTTTCTAAATAGCGGAATCCGTGCTG TGCATTTAGGACATCTCAGTCGCCGCTTGAGCTCCCGTGAGGCGTGCT TGTCAATGCGGTAAGTGCTACTGATTTTGAAGTATAACAACCGCGTGAG TCAAAATGACGCATGATTATCTTTACGTGACTTTTAAGATTAACTCAT ACGATAATTATATTGTTATTTCTGTTCTACTTACGTGATAACTTATTATA TATATATTTTCTGTTATAGATATCCTT
ePB_3_prime	3' flanking region of enhanced piggyback transposon	CGATAAAAGTTTTGTTACTTTATAGAAGAAATTTGAGTTTTTGTTTTTT TTAATAAATAAATAAACATAAATAAATTGTTTGTGAATTTATTATTAGT ATGTAAGTGTAATATAATAAACTTAATATCTATTCAAATTAATAAATA AACCTCGATATACAGACCGATAAAACACATGCGTCAATTTACGCATGA TTATCTTTAACGTACGTACAATATGATTATCTTTCTAGGGTTAATCTAG CTGC

Table S5: Polyadenylation sequences.

Name	Description	Sequence
L_SV40_polyA	Late SV40 polyadenylation sequence	CAGACATGATAAGATACATTGATGAGTTTGGACAAACCACAACCTAGAAT GCAGTGAAAAAATGCTTTATTTGTGAAATTTGTGATGCTATTGCTTTAT TTGTAACCATTATAAGCTGCAATAAAACAAGTTAACAACAACAATTGCAT TCATTTTATGTTTCAGGTTTCAGGGGGAGGTGTGGGAGGTTTTTTAAAGC AAGTAAAACCTCTACAAATGTGGTA
BGH_polyA	Bovine Growth Hormone polyadenylation sequence	CTGTGCCTTCTAGTTGCCAGCCATCTGTTGTTTGCCCTCCCCGTGCCTT CCTTGACCCTGGAAGGTGCCACTCCCACTGTCCTTTCCTAATAAAATGAG GAAATTGCATCGCATTGTCTGAGTAGGTGTCATTCTATTCTGGGGGGTG GGGTGGGGCAGGACAGCAAGGGGGAGGATTGGGAAGACAATAGCAG GCATGCTGGGGATGCGGTGGGCTCTATGG

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My Dad was an exceptional father, devoted, caring, and loving with all his heart. He worked tirelessly to uplift his family into the middle class, overcoming myriad difficulties and life's most bitter challenges, one after another. Despite immense sacrifices, he always prevailed. I owe everything I am to you, Dad.

